



KENTWOOD
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Non-Homestead Operating Millage Proposal

May 6, 2025 Ballot



What is This Proposal About?

On May 6, 2025, Kentwood Public Schools (KPS) will ask voters to consider a non-homestead operating millage proposal that would allow the district to continue receiving its full revenue per-pupil foundation allowance established by the state. This proposal would authorize a 3.9295 mills cushion to ensure the district can levy the full 18 mills on non-homestead properties.

What is a Mill?

A mill is a unit used to measure property tax revenue. 1 mill = \$1 of tax per \$1,000 of taxable value.

- Example: A 1-mill tax on a property with a taxable value of \$50,000 = \$50 per year.

Why is This Important?

The non-homestead millage is a part of school funding in Michigan. These funds are used in a variety of ways within our school system, including:

- Classroom supplies & technology
- Teacher salaries & staffing
- Student programs & athletics
- Transportation & building maintenance

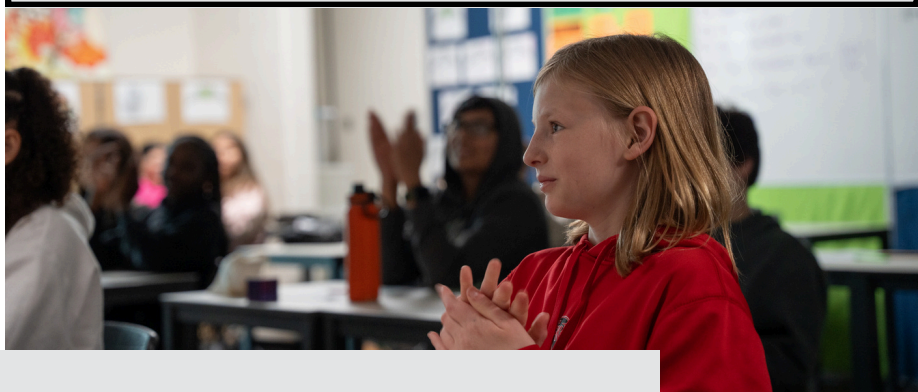
How Does This Impact My Property?

- This tax does NOT apply to a homeowner's primary residence.
- It applies to non-homestead properties, including businesses, rental properties, and vacation homes.

Is This a New Tax?

No. This millage is a restoration of a previously authorized millage that has been reduced due to constitutional requirements (Headlee rollback) and a cushion for future reductions.

Election Day: May 6, 2025





Frequently Asked Questions

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Have Voters Previously Approved Operating Millages?

Yes! After Proposition A was approved by voters in 1994 changing how schools were funded, voters have approved millages in 1999, 2009, and 2019. Operating millages are part of how Michigan funds schools.

What Happens if the Proposal Doesn't Pass?

If the millage is not approved, the district may not receive its full revenue per-pupil foundation allowance established by the state, which could negatively impact student resources, staffing, and programs.

How Long Will the Millage Be in Effect?

If approved, this millage will be in place for five years (2025-2029).

How Much Revenue Does the Full 18-Mills Generate for KPS?

The district expects to collect approximately \$26 million in 2025 from the full 18-mill levy.

When is the Vote?

Election Day: May 6, 2025

Absentee Ballots Available: March 27, 2025



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