

WHAT VOTERS WILL SEE



AND WHAT IT MEANS

OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE OXFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

OPERATING MILLAGE REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residences and other property exempted by law, situated within the Oxford Community Schools, Counties of Oakland and Lapeer, State of Michigan, be increased, in the amount of 21 mills with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 to 2035, inclusive with 17.3155 mills of the above 21 mills being a replacement of authorized millage which will otherwise expire with the 2026 tax levy and 0.6845 mills being a restoration of previously authorized millage lost as a result of the rollbacks required by the Michigan Constitution? This operating millage if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of \$252,288 during the 2026 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.

YES ☐
NO ☐

WHAT IS THE PROPOSAL?

- Renews existing school funding that expires this year.
- Restores the full 18 mills allowed for daily school operations.
- Funds essential school services, including teachers, transportation, school safety, classroom instruction, etc.

WHO PAYS THIS MILLAGE?

- By law, this tax does not apply to primary residences.
- It applies to commercial/rental properties, and second homes.
- Results in **no tax increase** on your primary home.

WHY DOES IT SAY 21 MILLS?

- Michigan schools are expected to levy 18 mills for operations.
- State-required rollbacks can reduce the rate over time.
- Districts often seek authorization for up to 21 mills to ensure the full 18 mills can still be collected.
- State law dictates that districts can't collect more than 18 mills.



WHAT IS THE IMPACT FOR OCS?

- If the proposal does not pass, OCS would lose the full 18 mills, resulting in an estimated \$7 million annual loss.
- Areas immediately affected would likely include transportation, athletics, extracurriculars, technology, student supports, academic programming, and staffing.
- This funding helps keep schools running safely and efficiently.

WHAT DOES A YES OR NO VOTE MEAN?

- A **YES** vote restores the district's operating millage to 18 mills for daily school operations.
- A **NO** vote means the district will lose this funding source when the current millage expires at the end of 2026.

