



2019 OPERATING MILLAGE & SINKING FUND PROPOSALS

In Livonia Public Schools...

We take great pride in our students, staff, facilities, programs, and our partnerships with parents and the community. We know that LPS represents a source of pride in our community and that together, we can keep our roots strong and our future bright.

Important Voting Information

DATE

August 6, 2019

TIME

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

WHERE TO VOTE

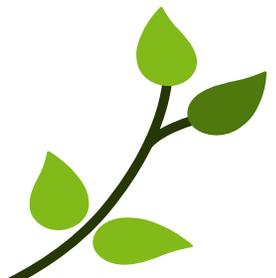
To find your polling location, visit michigan.gov/vote

DID YOU KNOW?

- The tax rate for homeowners within Livonia Public Schools' district is among the lowest in Wayne County.
- Livonia Public Schools was recently cited for its outstanding financial practices during an external review by the AdvancED accreditation agency and consistently receives the highest rating from external auditors.
- Livonia Public Schools enrolls more than 14,200 students and employs nearly 2,000 staff members.
- Livonia Public Schools maintains approximately 3 million square feet of facilities within approximately 36 square miles in Livonia and a section of Westland.



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For more information, please visit:
www.livoniapublicschools.org/millage

Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

Why is the District asking to renew the Operating Millage?

Although the state allocates the majority of funding for public schools, since 1994, it has required schools to collect property tax from local non-homestead (primarily business) properties to fund school operations. All districts in Michigan must levy a tax (not to exceed 18 mills) on all non-homestead properties, which generates approximately 17% of the total general fund budget. Without this Operating Millage, the District would face significant cuts to programs and services for its students.

What is the District planning to do with funds generated by the Operating Millage?

At the 18-mill rate, the request would generate approximately \$24 million per year, allowing the District to continue to pay for instructional programs, staffing, transportation, and other essential needs to operate the District.

How much would the Operating Millage cost per household?

There is **NO COST** on primary residences. The 18-mill request would be levied **ONLY on non-homestead (primarily business) properties**. This Operating Millage is required for the District to receive its full per-pupil foundation allowance from the State of Michigan. This is a

ZERO-TAX-RATE INCREASE!



Two Distinct Proposals with
One Common Goal for
One Strong Community

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Sinking Fund Replacement Proposal

Why is the District asking to replace the current Sinking Fund?

The current Sinking Fund is set to expire; therefore, LPS is seeking to replace the expiring Sinking Fund to continue to support the District's long-term facility needs. LPS is proposing a 1.6-mill levy for a period of 10 years. The Sinking Fund has been supported by the LPS community for the past 25 years and assists the District in protecting investments in its facilities.

What is the District planning to do with funds generated by the Sinking Fund?

At the 1.6-mill rate, the Sinking Fund would generate approximately \$7 million per year. The District's long-term facilities plan identifies critical needs **beyond those addressed by the 2013 bond**. The Sinking Fund is used for projects such as roof and parking lot replacements, boiler systems, water main and plumbing repairs, and energy efficiency upgrades. In addition, it may now be used for instructional technology and security improvements.

How much would the Sinking Fund cost per household?

The 1.6-mill request would cost the owner of a \$200,000 market value home approximately \$160 per year or \$13 per month. This estimated cost reflects a \$50 per year or \$4 per month increase over the expiring Sinking Fund.