

May 6, 2008 Election - Proposals

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Ann Arbor Public Schools (2 Proposals)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR CONTINUATION OF OPERATING MILLAGE

The Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor (the District) is authorized by State law to levy a voter-approved millage of up to 18.00 mills on non-homestead property (industrial, commercial and rental property) and up to 12.4675 mills on owner-occupied residential principal residence or homestead property. The amount levied on principal residences for the 2007-08 school year was 4.7232 mills. The total operating levy provided 51% of the Districts \$9,667 per-pupil operating funds for the 2007-08 school year. The authority to levy this millage expires with the 2009 tax levy. The original authority to levy 18.00 mills has been rolled back to 17.9694 mills by application of the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution. This proposal would restore and continue the Districts authority to levy this millage for an additional ten years, and would allow the District to receive the full foundation allowance revenue permitted by law.

To provide operating funds for the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, shall the limitation on the taxes that may be levied upon taxable property in the District be increased by 18.00 mills (\$18.00 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) for non-homestead property of which 12.4675 mills (\$12.4675 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) may be levied on principal residences and qualified agricultural property, for a period of ten (10) years, 2010 through 2019 inclusive? For the year 2010 tax levy, this authorization would allow the District to raise approximately \$66.9 million from non-homestead property and \$20 million from principal residences and qualified agricultural property.

YES

NO

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE SINKING FUND

The following proposal would continue and extend the authority (last approved by the voters in 2004 and which expires with the 2009 levy) for the School District to levy a sinking fund millage. This proposal would also restore the prior authorization, which was rolled back through application of the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution to .9861 mill, to 1.00 mill, and would allow the use of the proceeds of the millage to purchase school buses, furnishings, equipment and technology equipment, to the extent permitted by law.

Shall the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, be authorized to levy 1.00 mill to create a sinking fund for the purpose of the construction or repair of school buildings and the purchase, improvement and development of sites and, to the extent permitted by law, the purchase of school buses, furnishings and equipment, including instructional technology equipment, by increasing the limitation on the

amount of taxes which may be imposed on the taxable value of taxable property in the School District for a period of five (5) years, being the years 2010 to 2014, inclusive? It is estimated that 1.00 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) would raise approximately \$8,503,000 in the first year that it is levied.

(Under state law, sinking fund proceeds may not be used to pay teacher or administrator salaries.)

YES

NO

Dexter Community Schools

CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the Dexter Community Schools, Counties of Washtenaw and Livingston, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Forty-Seven Million Eight Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$47,890,000) and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of:

remodeling and constructing additions to School District buildings, including energy conservation and security improvements;

acquiring land and improving and developing sites, including playgrounds, playfields and outdoor athletic fields and facilities in the School District;

furnishing, refurbishing, equipping and reequipping School District buildings, including the acquisition of school buses; and

acquiring and installing technology equipment in School District buildings, including classroom technology?

YES

NO

The debt millage required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed pursuant to this ballot is expected to remain at or below 8.50 mills. The estimated millage to be levied in 2008 to service this issue of bonds, which is included in the 8.50 mills, is 2.24 mills (\$2.24 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds of this issue is 2.08 mills (\$2.08 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The bonds may be issued in one or more series, payable in the case of each series in not to exceed 20 years from the date of issue of such series. If the School District borrows from the State to pay debt service on the bonds of this issue, the School District may be required to continue to levy mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State.

(Under State law, bond proceeds may not be used to pay teacher or administrator salaries, routine maintenance or repair costs or other School District operating expenses.)

Lincoln Consolidated Schools

MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE EARMARKED FUNDS TO OPERATE COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAMS.

INCLUDING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Lincoln Consolidated School District, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed .25 mill (\$.25 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2008 to 2012, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating community recreation programs, including for senior citizens; if approved, the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect for such recreational program the first year of levy, 2008, is approximately \$251,428?

- YES
- NO

Ypsilanti Public Schools

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will enable the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in the School District of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, be increased by 2 mills (\$2.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 6 years, 2008 to 2013, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2008 is approximately \$420,066 (this millage is to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore that reduction)?

- YES
- NO

York Township

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YORK TAX-RATE
LIMITATION AND LEVY PROPOSAL
(PUBLIC SAFETY)**

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within York Charter Township imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for said Township by mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years from 2008-2012 inclusive, for public safety; and shall the Township levy such increase in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$165,000.00?

- YES
- NO