

## KEY POINTS

The election will be held on  
Tuesday, May 7, 2019.  
Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and  
close at 8:00 p.m.

### Election Locations

**City of Algonac**  
St. Catherine's Activity Center  
1103 Washington St.  
Algonac, Michigan

**Clay Township**  
Algonac High School Gym  
5200 Taft Rd.,  
Algonac, Michigan

**Harsens Island**  
Lions Hall  
230 La Croix  
Harsens Island, Michigan

**Ira Township**  
Ira Twp. Office  
7085 Meldrum Rd.,  
Ira, Michigan

- The District's per student funding assumes the full 18 mills is levied. The State of Michigan will not make up the \$3,900,000 in state-assumed school revenue if the vote were turned down.
- This millage is for non-homestead properties (businesses, second homes, etc.) and will not affect primary homeowner's property tax rate.
- This is not a new tax, it is continuation of the current tax rate on non-homestead properties.



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## Non-Homestead Operating Millage

Frequently Asked Questions

# Operating Millage—May 7, 2019 Election

## What is the May 7, 2019 Operating Millage Proposal?

The district's operating millage will expire December 31, 2019. This proposal is for renewal and restoration of the 18 operating mills currently assessed on all "non-homestead" property. If approved, this will simply continue the current non-homestead levy. If the operating millage is not renewed the district would stand to lose approximately \$3,900,000 in state funding.

## How would this affect my property taxes?

This millage does not apply to a homeowner's primary residence. It applies only to non-homestead properties (businesses, second homes, etc.). Homeowners will see no increase in local school taxes for their primary dwellings if the operating millage proposal is approved.

## Wasn't this same proposal on the ballot a couple of years ago?

Yes, we have had a non-homestead millage every couple years since 1994. This year the district is seeking a four-year continuation as opposed to a two year. This is simply to avoid election fees that can become costly and take away from dollars that can be used in the classroom.

## Didn't the Algonac Community School District just ask for a sinking fund approval last May? How is this different?

In May 2018, the district voters passed a sinking fund that will be used to upgrade buildings, purchase technology, replace roofs, etc. over the next 10 years. The difference is that the non-homestead millage goes directly to day to day operations. Most importantly to note, it generates dollars that the State assumes when establishing the districts annual funding. Failure to pass the millage would result in the loss of approximately 3.9 million dollars in state funding (approx. 25% of the total budget).

## What would happen if the ballot proposal failed? Has this ever happened?

The Algonac community has always supported the non-homestead millage and it has successfully passed every time it has been on the ballot. With schools being underfunded for well over a decade, the loss of approximately 3.9 million dollars in funding would be devastating to the district. Although the State assumes this funding will be supported by the voters, they will not make up the shortfall should it fail.

## What is the May 7, 2019 ballot language?

This proposal will allow Algonac Community Schools to continue 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 and restores millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

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 Algonac Community Schools, St. Clair County, Michigan, be renewed by 17.8524 mills (\$17.8524 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 4 years, 2020 to 2023, inclusive and also be increased by .5 mill (\$.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation for a 4-year period to provide funds for operating purposes; if approved, the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2020 is approximately \$3,989,658.