The DPS non-homestead millage renewal on the Tuesday, Aug. 4, ballot will:

✓ Ensure Detroit Public Schools Community District students are career and college-ready so they can compete in the global marketplace, including the skilled trades.

✓ Promote a safe return to school for students following the COVID-19 pandemic by providing more access to online learning and increased cleaning and sanitation to protect public health.

✓ Provide much-needed access to wrap-around services including mental health supports, school-based health clinics, and greater access to social workers and counselors.

✓ Help attract and retain families, small businesses and talent which strengthens our local economy, keeps property values strong and fosters strong neighborhoods.

The DPS non-homestead millage renewal is a fiscally responsible proposal that **WILL NOT** cost homeowners one penny in new taxes.

✓ DPSCD, under its elected Board and appointed Superintendent, has a proven track record of responsible stewardship and fiscal transparency, and we undergo annual independent financial audits which are available to the public online.

✓ Every dollar in this fiscally responsible proposal will be tracked and monthly financial reports are posted to our website to ensure transparency, accountability and that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

✓ The DPS non-homestead millage renewal only applies to owners of rental properties, business properties and vacation homes – a homeowner’s property taxes **WILL NOT** be impacted.

Learn about the DPS non-homestead millage renewal on the Tuesday, Aug. 4, ballot at: [detroitk12.org/millagerenewal](detroitk12.org/millagerenewal)
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Detroit Public Schools non-homestead millage renewal?
   • The non-homestead millage renewal is a continuation of the current operating millage that levies 18 mills on non-homestead properties.
   • The revenue from the millage supports day-to-day operations – from ensuring students have the skills they need to compete for jobs to providing students much-needed access to wrap-around services including mental health supports, school-based health clinics, and greater access to social workers and counselors.

2. How much will the non-homestead millage renewal cost homeowners?
   • Zero. This millage only applies to non-homestead properties like business, rental and vacation properties, not your primary residence.

3. How can we know the money will go to the classroom?
   • DPSCD, under its elected Board and appointed Superintendent, has a proven track record of responsible stewardship and fiscal transparency, and we undergo annual independent financial audits which are available to the public online
   • If this proposal passes, every dollar spent will be tracked and available on a public website to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

4. My kids are grown and no longer in school. Why should I care about this proposal?
   • Strong schools make our community a great place to live, raise a family, work or launch a business.
   • Strong schools attract talent, new families and small businesses that strengthen our local economy and help continue Detroit’s economic comeback.
   • Investing in our schools through this millage renewal will help us attract and retain families and businesses in our city, foster strong neighborhoods and keep our property values strong.

5. Why is the district seeking this renewal in the middle of a pandemic?
   • With the COVID-19 pandemic affecting families across Detroit, it has never been more important to renew our investment in Detroit’s students, families and schools.
   • While all of us are focused on the crisis at hand, we need to plan for the future of DPSCD to ensure students are career and college-ready so they can compete in the global marketplace.
   • The millage renewal will support a safe return to school for students following the COVID-19 pandemic by ensuring funding for more access to online learning and increased cleaning and sanitation to protect public health.

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