



# ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Allen Park Public School Community Members,

As we approach Election Day, all forms of media – television, newspaper, radio, social media – are focused on the presidential candidates. But there is another issue on the ballot that will profoundly impact funding for Allen Park Public Schools – the Regional Education Enhancement Millage.

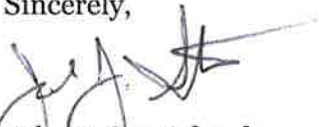
School districts in Wayne County have placed this proposal on the ballot in order to provide added funding for their schools. The proposal is to levy 2 mills of tax for six years, with the proceeds going to the 33 school districts in Wayne County, based on each district's school enrollment. The tax would raise \$385 per student for each district and would cost a homeowner with a home value of \$100,000 only \$8 per month.

A county-wide enhancement millage is the only way to increase operating funds to local school districts. Since 1994, we have been totally dependent upon annual funding by the Legislature. While costs continue to rise in all areas, the per pupil eligibility for APPS decreased from the \$7,542 received in 2008 through 2016. In fact from 2011 to 2015, school operating funds for districts in Wayne County dropped by \$485 million. At this time, additional revenue would allow school districts to mitigate the cuts and loss in revenue that they have experienced over the past years.

What does this proposal mean to Allen Park Public Schools? Passage of this proposal would mean nearly \$1.5 million in additional annual resources for APPS. The funds would be utilized to increase the use of technology to support 21<sup>st</sup> century learning, repair and improve facilities throughout the district, and improve and sustain academic programs and services for all students. The revenues generated by this proposal would be subject to annual, independent financial audits to provide transparency for taxpayers.

Allen Park Public Schools strives for continuous improvement and offers the very best possible educational experience for each and every one of our students. Public education does make a big difference in a community and we appreciate your interest in this important decision. For more information, please visit <http://www.resa.net/millage/>

Sincerely,



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