

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

PRIDE IN EXCELLENCE

Non-homestead operating millage

Vote Feb. 27, 2024



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All Michigan school districts must levy 18 mills on non-homestead property to receive their full per-pupil foundation allowance.



Non-homestead operating millage

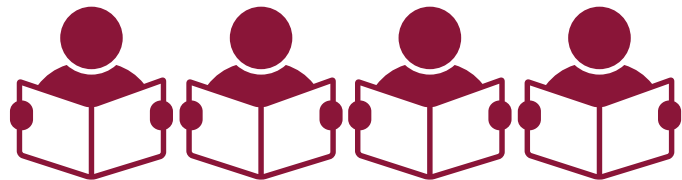


The operating millage is not a tax on owned primary residences (\$0/year).

It is an 18-mill levy that applies to properties, such as businesses, vacation homes, investment and rental properties.



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**If the millage does not pass,
RCS per-pupil funding would fall
from \$9,608 to \$8,060
which equates to a loss of
\$24.5 million per year
from the general fund.**



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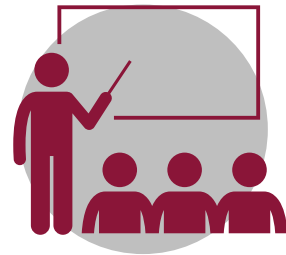
**This represents approximately
10.7% of current budgeted
general fund revenues.**





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The district general fund covers everything necessary to provide educational programs and services for RCS students, such as:



**Salaries and
benefits**



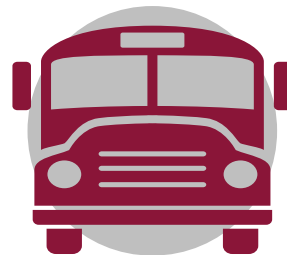
**Safety and
security**



**Custodial and
grounds**



Supplies



Transportation



Athletics



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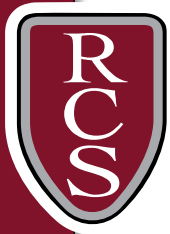


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In all Michigan school districts, the 18-mill, non-homestead levy is subject to rollbacks, per the 1978 Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution.

While school districts cannot levy more than 18 mills on non-homestead property, Rochester Community Schools is requesting that voters consider a 19.0004 millage authorization to protect against future rollbacks if and when they should happen over the next five years.





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What every taxpayer needs to know:

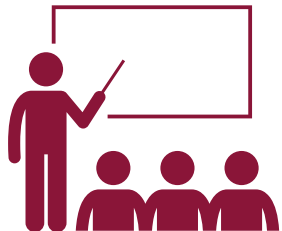


The operating millage is not a tax on owned primary residences.

Approval of the millage would not cause tax rates to increase for non-homestead properties, only applies to properties such as businesses, investment, rental and vacation homes.



This millage would maintain the per-pupil foundation allowance set by the state. If it does not pass, RCS per-pupil funding would fall from \$9,608 to \$8,060, which equates to a loss of approximately \$24.5 million per year.



A loss of \$24.5 million per year from the RCS general fund would be a significant loss of funding for educational programs and services for our students.



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and click on the link, or scan the QR code to learn more.**





Non-homestead operating millage proposal

The 18-mill levy costs the primary residence homeowner zero dollars (\$0 per year) and would provide full per-pupil funding if approved.

Vote on Feb. 27, 2024