

# MISD Regional Enhancement Millage

March 10, 2020

# What is a regional enhancement millage?

- ▶ Since 1994, the state controls school funding
- ▶ One Exception: Regional Enhancement Millage
- ▶ Constituent School Districts can request an Enhancement Millage Proposal be put before voters

# What is a regional enhancement millage?

- ▶ It must be proposed on a county-wide basis.
- ▶ It passes or fails on a county-wide basis, not by local communities.
- ▶ If approved, the money is collected by the ISD and distributed equally to all public school districts and charters on a per student basis.
- ▶ Each district has local control over how the money is spent (Used to expand programs, training, and course offerings for students).
- ▶ Each school district can tailor their programs and curricular support to best fit their student/community needs.

# What is the specific proposal?

- ▶ **March 10, 2020**
- ▶ 1.9 mills to be levied over 10 years
- ▶ Would generate approximately \$418 per pupil for Macomb County public school students
- ▶ Proposal would cost approximately \$190 per year on a home valued at \$200,000.
- ▶ If successful, the millage starts in the summer of 2020

# Regional enhancement millages make a difference for Michigan students

- ▶ Eight counties in Michigan have had enhancement millages approved by voters
  - ▶ Wayne
  - ▶ Charlevoix-Emmet
  - ▶ Midland
  - ▶ Kalamazoo
  - ▶ Monroe
  - ▶ Ottawa
  - ▶ Kent
  - ▶ Muskegon
- ▶ These ISDs are using enhancement funds to improve their school districts and give students the curricular support needed to excel in school and prepare them for successful careers
- ▶ Macomb Co. students are not receiving the same supports

# Why is this millage being placed on the ballot?

- ▶ Macomb County Districts are committed to providing their students with an exceptional education enabling them to be successful in college and careers.
- ▶ For years, Michigan Schools have been underfunded by the state.
- ▶ All Macomb Schools have made budget cuts and reductions.
  - ▶ At CVS...
    - ▶ Freezing steps/pay
    - ▶ Energy conservation
    - ▶ Pay-to-Participate
    - ▶ Reduced custodial staff
    - ▶ Fewer bus runs and elimination of some bus service

# Why is this millage being placed on the ballot?

- ▶ A recent statewide school funding adequacy study concluded that added investment into local schools is necessary to prepare students for success after school.
- ▶ CVS is one of the largest school districts in the state with the lowest funding allowance.
- ▶ CVS receives \$369 less on average than the typical Macomb County school district. (Based on our current student count = \$6 million less)
- ▶ The enhancement millage gives our community an opportunity to provide a stable source of funding that supports our students.

# If the MISD Regional Enhancement Millage is successful

- ▶ CVS would receive \$418 per pupil to help fund programs and services
  - ▶ Provides local control over how the funds will directly support students
  - ▶ Increased opportunities for all students
  - ▶ Maintaining student safety - Social-Emotional Learning, Mental Health Needs for students
  - ▶ Literacy program supports to ensure students are reading at grade level by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
  - ▶ Career Technical Education (CTE) programs
  - ▶ Maintaining current educational programs
  - ▶ Protecting important extra-curricular opportunities - Fine Arts and Music Programs

# Excellence impacts everyone and makes our community a great place to live and raise a family

- ▶ Graduates in our district have unique experiences that allow them to successfully pursue their career and college goals.
- ▶ Families have options and program opportunities that support the unique learning styles and needs of students.
- ▶ Strong schools protect home and property values.
- ▶ Strong schools help attract new businesses, support existing small businesses and attract new families to our community.
- ▶ The CVS community is a great place to raise a family and grow a business.
- ▶ CVS has a long-standing reputation for being good stewards of our financial resources.

# Informing our community

- ▶ Informational messages and announcements provided to community members in a variety of ways
  - ▶ Newsletters, post cards, social media, CVC-TV, website, email messages
- ▶ General phone number for questions and information on where to vote

Remember to vote!

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