

CVS board approves millage resolution

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MACOMB TOWNSHIP/CLINTON TOWNSHIP — A school millage may appear on the March ballot.

At the Dec. 2 Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education meeting, a resolution was unanimously approved for a regional enhancement millage.

The motion was for the board to approve the resolution requesting that the Macomb Intermediate School District, or MISD, submit the question of levying a regional enhancement millage at a rate of 1.9 mills for a term of 10 years, including calendar years 2020 to 2029, to voters at special elections on March 10, 2020, in each of the constituent school districts located within the MISD.

The increase would be \$1.90 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation.

The resolution states that Michigan currently ranks 50th in the U.S. in education funding increases.

“The district currently receives the lowest per-pupil foundation allowance in Michigan,” it reads. “One-third of students in Michigan receive additional per-pupil funding from an enhancement millage, including the students in neighboring Wayne County.”

Additionally, revenues from a regional enhancement millage are distributed entirely to the MISD’s local public schools on a pro-rata basis.

Revenues from a regional enhancement millage would be unrestricted general funds, and the district would be able to use such revenues to sustain its current level of programming by helping to offset the increasing costs of education.

The millage would raise an estimated \$55 million if approved and first levied in 2020.