

AUGUST OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL FAQ

Mendon Community Schools will be asking voters on August 5th, 2025, to approve a Non-Homestead Operating Millage renewal. This renewal is crucial because it allows the district to continue levying 18 mills on non-homestead properties (like businesses, second homes, and rental properties). This millage is essential for Mendon to receive its full state funding and supports various district operations, including staff, learning resources, and student programs.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

- **What is a millage?**

Millages are local property taxes used to fund various services, including schools.

- **Why is this a renewal?**

Mendon's current operating millage expires, so this renewal allows the district to continue collecting this important revenue source. This is not a new tax. There will be no increase in the tax rate for this levy.

- **Why does the ballot ask for 19.5 mills?**

This will allow the district to collect the full 18 mills if future property value increases greater than the rate of inflation. **The district can ONLY levy up to 18 mills.**

- **Who is affected?**

This renewal specifically impacts non-homestead property owners, meaning it won't increase the property tax rate for primary residence homeowners.

- **Why is it important?**

The 18-mill levy is required by the state to receive the full per-pupil foundation allowance, a major source of funding for Michigan schools. If approved, the school district will collect approximately \$1.7 million dollars for operating expenses. The operating expenses include the cost of student programs, supplies, and staff at Mendon Schools.

- **What happens if it's not renewed?**

If the millage is not approved, Mendon Schools will lose a significant amount of state funding, impacting its ability to operate.

- **How is it different from a bond millage?**

A bond millage is used for capital improvements, while this operating millage supports day-to-day operations.