



Fennville Public Schools
Non-Homestead Millage Renewal Election
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

What is the ballot proposal?

A “Yes” vote restores the millage to the rate of 18 mills as annually voted by the Fennville residents. This is a one-year renewal of the 18 mills on business/vacation property only. FPS is required by law to seek this renewal in order to avoid a detrimental loss of revenue.

Does the 18 mills apply to the taxes on my home?

The 18 mills do **NOT** affect the property taxes homeowners pay on their own residence or any agriculture property. It only applies to vacation property, second homes and businesses.

Why the 18-Mill Renewal?

In 1995, Fennville residents first approved the 18-mill levy on non-homestead property as was required by Proposal A. Last year, Fennville residents again approved an operating millage of 18 mills for one year. Many surrounding school districts also renew the 18 mills on an annual basis.

How does Headlee work?

When Michigan voters approved Proposal A in 1994, they changed the way that our public schools receive their funding. Because property values have increased greater than inflation, our millage is reduced annually without this vote. The district has lost as much as \$100 per student in the past by not renewing the 18 mills on business and vacation properties.

Does every Michigan school need to ask for this 18 mills?

Yes, if they wish to receive full funding. Without it, a district would face a reduction from the State in the student foundation grant.

What happens if the proposal fails?

Fennville Public Schools would lose over \$2.0 million in operating revenue. This would result in drastic programming cuts for students.

The 18-Mill Renewal Results In No Tax Increase for Local Residents

**PLEASE VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017
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