

Oak Park School District



Oak Park
Schools

Dear Oak Park School District Community,

We are reaching out to you with an important message about the Replacement and Restoration of Non-Homestead Millage for Oak Park Schools, which will be on the November 2023 ballot. The vote will take place on **Tuesday, November 7**, and we need your support.

The School Ballot Proposal concerns the operating millage for Oak Park School District. It is essential to understand that this proposal will not affect the taxes on owner-occupied homes in our district. Rather, it pertains to second or rental homes, commercial properties, and industrial properties.

The existing levy on commercial businesses and rental properties within our school district does not impact homeowners' property taxes. Instead, it contributes 0.08% of the annual operating funds for Oak Park Schools, as mandated to receive the full per-pupil foundation allowance established by the state. This funding goes directly to the district, aiding in covering operational costs to educate our students. The non-homestead millage makes up approximately 0.08% of our annual budget of \$65,443,518.

The renewal of the non-homestead millage is vital for maintaining the current programs and services offered by the district. If this funding were to be lost, we would not have an alternative funding source to replace it. It's important to note that while primary households are not affected by this millage, state law necessitates a district-wide election to approve it.

The last time Oak Park voters approved the non-homestead operating millage was in 2004, and this millage is set for a 16-year period. Please remember that this is a tax assessed against businesses and second homes, not homeowners.

We deeply appreciate the support we receive from our community and your unwavering commitment to our district. Your vote and support in this matter are critical to ensuring that Oak Park Schools can continue providing the high-quality education our students deserve.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal for the upcoming election ballot. Together, we can secure the future of our schools and the education of our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon Jiles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brandon Jiles
Director of Communications/PR
Oak Park Schools