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# Caledonia Community Schools

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## District voters approve non-homestead millage

*The non-homestead millage will restore full funding for Caledonia Community Schools through 2020*

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.** – The non-homestead millage proposal passed by voters on Nov. 5 will restore the full tax funding of 18 mills for Caledonia Community Schools, plus a buffer for the year 2020. Restoring the full millage will allow CCS to leverage state per-pupil funding and will help the district avoid a third consecutive year of lost funding. The proposal to restore the non-homestead millage passed Tuesday with 65.72% voter support.

“We want to thank the voters of our district for supporting this proposal,” said **Dedrick Martin**, superintendent of Caledonia Community Schools. “Our school community is growing and to accommodate this growth, we needed to restore the millage rate to the same levels that we have utilized to support school operations for 24 years.”

CCS’s state-authorized 18 mill levy accounts for nearly a third of the district’s per-student revenue. The millage had been reduced to 17.6399 mills by legislation called the Headlee Amendment, which “rolls back” the tax rate to equal the rate of inflation.

“This 1.8 mills restores us up to the 18 mills and provides a buffer for future years in the event we experience another Headlee Amendment reduction,” said **Sara Devries**, director of finance for Caledonia Community Schools. “The non-homestead millage only applies to properties such as rental, industrial, commercial and vacation homes, and does not impact the property taxes of homeowners and agricultural properties.”

The 1.8 mill increase passed by voters is estimated to generate \$329,000 for one year. Millage funds will help support day-to-day functions of the school district and security enhancements at buildings and facilities, updated instructional materials and more financial support for music programming and athletics.

“Caledonia Community Schools has a proven track record of success,” said **Marcy White**, board president of Caledonia Community Schools. “The passage of this millage means we can keep pace with best practices in school safety and better prepare our students for college and careers.”