



January 9, 2024

Dear RCS Parents and Families,

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits.

Here are some important updates and initiatives that will shape our school district in the coming months.

### **New Year, New Opportunities:**

The start of a new year is a time for reflection and renewal. At Romeo Community Schools, we are committed to providing our students with a quality educational experience. In 2024, our focus will remain on fostering a positive and enriching environment that empowers every student to reach their full potential.

### **Sinking Fund and Non-Homestead Operating Millage Renewals:**

In February, our community will have the opportunity to make a decision regarding the future of our school district and step four of our long-term facilities and financial plans. On the upcoming ballot, there will be two proposals: the renewal of our Sinking Fund and Non-Homestead Operating millages. These renewals help improve our school facilities and educational programming, ensuring a safe and conducive learning environment for our students.

The 1.25 mill Sinking Fund was last approved by RCS voters in 2019 and supports infrastructure projects, including building repairs, security enhancements, and technology upgrades. By renewing this fund, we can continue to invest in the longevity and functionality of our school buildings.

The Operating Millage renewal is required by all school districts in the State of Michigan and is NOT levied on a homeowner's primary residence. This millage is levied on businesses, second homes, rental property, and vacant land. This millage allows the school district to receive its full share of state aid and provides funds for the school district to run day-to-day operations.

### **Your Support Matters:**

We understand that these are challenging times for everyone. As stewards of our community's education, we are dedicated to transparent and responsible financial management. The funds generated through these measures will directly impact the quality of education we can provide for our students. For the February election, you have multiple ways to vote.

1. Vote at the polls on February 27, from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.
2. Vote by absentee ballot beginning January 18 through Election Day. Contact your local clerk or go online to [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote) to request an absentee ballot application.
3. Participate in early in-person voting. Some jurisdictions have consolidated for in person voting or have changed the regular polling location. See the list below.

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If you don't want to vote in the presidential primary, you can still vote by absentee or in person on Romeo Community Schools ballot proposals by requesting a Local Issues Only ballot. For permanent absentee voters, your clerk will send you an absentee ballot application that asks you which absentee ballot selection you would like. You will not receive an absentee ballot if you do not return this application. Contact your local clerk for more information.

*Addison Township: 248-628-3317*

*Armada Township: 586-784-5200*

*Bruce Township: 586-752-4585*

*Charter Township of Oakland: 248-651-4440*

*Ray Township: 586-749-5171*

*Shelby Charter Township: 586-731-5102*

*Washington Township: 586-786-0010*

**Stay Informed:**

In the coming weeks, we will continue to share information about the ballot proposal on our website, through social media, and mailings. We encourage you to stay informed about the specifics of the Sinking Fund and Operating Millage renewals and contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for supporting your schools, and allowing us to operate, repair, and enhance your school district.

Wishing you all the best in the New Year.

Go Bulldogs!

Dr. Todd R. Robinson, Superintendent



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