

# ROME COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

November 2, 2021

Non-Homestead Millage

Frequently Asked Questions



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## WHEN IS THE ELECTION?

Tuesday, November 2, 2021. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Absentee ballots are available after September 18.



## WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

Two proposals are on the ballot. The first is a no tax-rate increase building and facilities bond proposal. The second is a non-homestead operating millage restoration proposal that applies to businesses, second homes, vacant land, and rental properties. It does not affect the tax rate on primary residences (the home in which you live.).

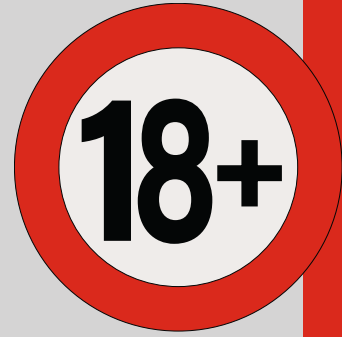
## WILL ALL REVENUE FROM BOTH BALLOT PROPOSALS BENEFIT ROMEO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS?

Yes. All revenue from the Facilities Bond Proposal and the Non-Homestead Restoration Millage will benefit Romeo Community Schools. None of the revenue will go to Lansing or any other school district or political entity.



## WHO CAN VOTE IN THIS ELECTION?

Residents of the Romeo Community School District who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day and are registered to vote can vote in this election.



## WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING (REGISTERING TO VOTE, WHERE TO VOTE, AND ABSENTEE VOTING)?

Go to the Michigan Voter Information website ([www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)) or call your local Clerk's Office where you reside.

## DO I NEED TO UPDATE MY VOTER REGISTRATION?

You need to update your voter registration if you have changed your name or address since the last time you voted. You can do this at any Secretary of State Office or at the Clerk's Office where you reside.

## CAN I VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT?

Yes. Any registered voter can request an absentee ballot application from their local Clerk's Office or by going online to [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote) and clicking on Absentee Voting in the left column.

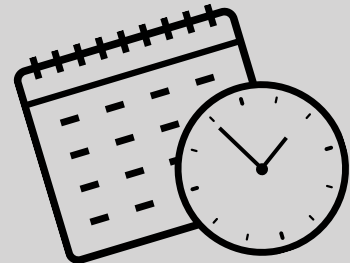
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**REGISTER  
TO VOTE!**

# WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT DATES I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FOR THE NOVEMBER 2ND ELECTION?

## **Saturday, September 18**

Absentee ballots are available



## **Friday, October 29**

If you plan to return your completed ballot by mail, please have your ballot postmarked by October 27 to ensure that your ballot arrives at your local Clerk's office by November 2.

## **Saturday, October 30**

Clerk's Offices open for voting

Bruce Township	7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Washington Township	7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Ray Township	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Oakland Township	7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Addison Township	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**DROP BOXES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP CLERK OFFICES FOR YOU TO RETURN YOUR COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOT. ALL BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 8 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 2.**

**BELOW ARE THE LOCATIONS OF DROP BOXES:**

Bruce Township

Back entrance to Township Hall

Washington Township

Three drop sites are available:

- North parking lot
- main lobby
- Clerk's Office

Ray Township

At the front door

Oakland Township

Outside in the parking lot

Addison Township

Entrance to the building



## **WHY DO WE NEED TO VOTE ON THE NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE?**

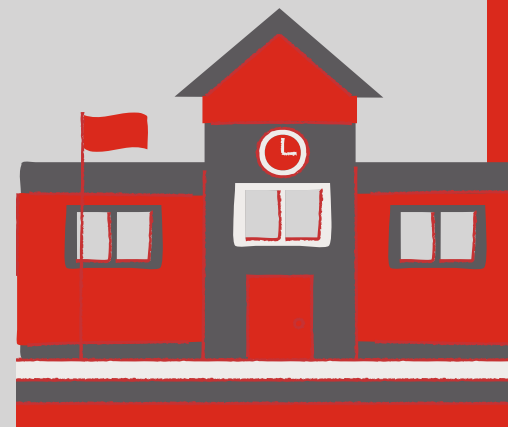
Every few years, all Michigan school districts must ask voters for permission to renew and restore the non-homestead property tax. If school districts don't follow this procedure established by the Michigan Legislature, they will not receive their full share of State Aid.

## **HOW MUCH REVENUE DOES THE NON-HOMESTEAD RESTORATION MILLAGE GENERATE FOR ROMEO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS?**

Voter approval of the millage generates about \$7.9 million annually for school programs and services. (This amounts to about 14 percent of the school district's operating budget.)

## **WILL APPROVAL OF THE NON-HOMESTEAD RESTORATION MILLAGE RAISE THE PROPERTY TAXES ON MY HOME?**

No. While all registered voters can vote on this proposal, this tax is only levied on businesses, second homes, vacant land, and rental properties. It is NOT levied on a homeowner's primary residence (the home in which a resident lives).



# WHAT IS THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR THE NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE RESTORATION PROPOSAL?

HERE'S THE BALLOT LANGUAGE:



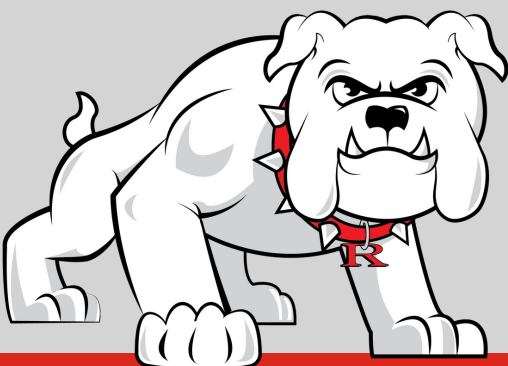
## ROMEO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COUNTIES OF MACOMB AND OAKLAND, MICHIGAN OPERATING MILLAGE RESTORATION PROPOSAL

**This proposal, if approved by the electors, will allow the Romeo Community Schools to continue to levy the number of operating mills required for the School District to receive revenues at the full per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State of Michigan.**

**Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, situated within the Romeo Community Schools, Counties of Macomb and Oakland, State of Michigan, be increased as provided in the Michigan Constitution, in the amount of 19.500 mills with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of three (3) years, 2022 to 2024, inclusive with 0.0847 mills of the above 19.5 mills being a restoration of millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution? This operating millage, if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of Eight Million Twenty Five Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Four Dollars (\$8,025,374) during the 2022 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2021 tax levy).**

**YES: \_\_\_\_\_**

**NO: \_\_\_\_\_**



# WHAT DOES A YES MEAN ON THE NON-HOMESTEAD RESTORATION MILLAGE?

A yes vote will...

- NOT affect taxes on your primary residence (home). (The non-homestead operating millage applies to mainly businesses, vacant land, rental properties, and second homes.)
- allow the school district to continue to levy the number of operating mills required to receive revenues at the full per pupil allowance permitted by the State.
- generate \$7.9 million in annual operating revenue for school district programs and services.
- restore the non-homestead operating millage approved by voters in 2016 and again in 2019.

# WHAT DOES A NO VOTE MEAN ON THE NON-HOMESTEAD RESTORATION MILLAGE?

A no vote will...

- cause a loss of \$7.9 million in annual revenue for school district programs and services.
- cause reductions in programs for students and services to the community.



# TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BALLOT PROPOSALS AND ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS...



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## WEBSITE

[www.romeok12.org](http://www.romeok12.org)

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## PHONE NUMBER

(586) 753-0225



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to complete a short survey.





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