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**Enhancement Millage**

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE MAY 2, 2017 REGIONAL BALLOT PROPOSAL**

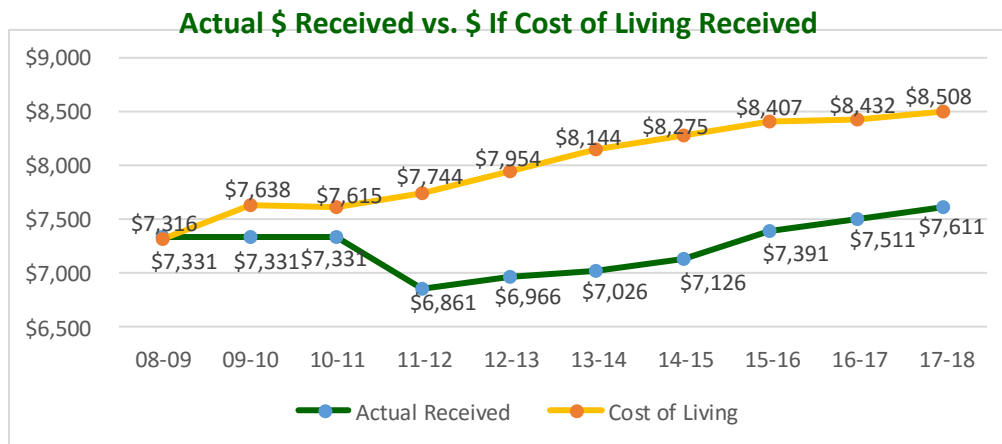
**Quick Facts:**

- Voters in each of the 20 KISD public school districts will be asked to consider an enhancement millage proposal of 0.9 mill for 10 years on May 2, 2017.
- A majority of voters in the KISD would need to approve the proposal for it to be successful.
- An enhancement millage is the only option for school districts to request operational funding from the public beyond funding provided by the State.
- Since 2008-2009, State funding has not kept up with inflation, causing districts to reduce or eliminate programs, classroom materials, and staff. See foundation grant comparison chart below
- If approved, each of the 20 school districts in the KISD would receive an additional \$211 per student for operations starting with the 2017-2018 school year.

For the purpose of calculating a property tax increase, one mill is equal to one dollar per \$1,000 of the taxable value of a home. Because the enhancement millage proposal is for 0.9 mill, this means the proposal would be calculated based on 90 cents per \$1,000 taxable value.

Home Value	Taxable Value	0.9 Enhancement Millage Calculation
\$100,000	\$50,000 or less	50x0.9=\$45.00
\$150,000	\$75,000 or less	75x0.9=\$67.50
\$200,000	\$100,000 or less	100 x 0.9 = \$90.00

**Comstock Park Public Schools Foundation Grant Comparison**



***If CPPS had received cost of living increases in the foundation grant, we would have received an additional \$1.8 million in 2016-2017.***

Over \$9.5 Million CPPS Budget Adjustments Since 2009 Including:

- Teacher reductions
- Administrator reductions
- Support staff and hours reductions
- Reductions in bus routes
- Outsourced cleaning services
- Shared technology and business services

Examples of How CPPS Would Use Enhancement Millage Revenue Over The Next 10 Years, if approved:

- K-12 instructional intervention services such as literacy coaches and math interventionists
- Stabilize and/or reduce class sizes, especially in lower elementary
- Maintain and expand career and mental health counseling services
- Sustain and expand dual enrollment, AP and early middle college programs

# Proposed Ballot Language

## REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed millage will be collected by the intermediate school district and distributed wholly and completely to local public school districts based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Kent Intermediate School District, Michigan, be increased by .9 mill (\$0.90 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2017 to 2026, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2017 is approximately \$19,931,466, which funds will be disbursed wholly and completely as required by statute to the following school districts: Byron Center Public Schools, Caledonia Community Schools, Cedar Springs Public Schools, **Comstock Park Public Schools**, East Grand Rapids Public Schools, Forest Hills Public Schools, Godfrey-Lee Public Schools, Godwin Heights Public Schools, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Grandville Public Schools, Kelloggville Public School District, Kenowa Hills Public Schools, Kent City Community Schools, Kentwood Public Schools, Lowell Area Schools, Northview Public Schools, Rockford Public Schools, Sparta Area Schools, Thornapple Kellogg School, and Wyoming Public Schools.

## VOTING INFORMATION

Election Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Last day to register: Monday, April 3, 2017

Absentee ballots will be available: Saturday, March 18, 2017

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