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## **May 6, 2025 Millage Vote FAQ**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Will this raise my taxes?	<b>This vote is to maintain the current tax levy at 6.55 mills, we set a goal early on to not increase the tax millage rate. This a no millage increase vote. Current millage=6.55 mills → future millage rate=6.55 mills.</b>
Didn't we just pass a bond? What was that for?	<b>In 2018 our community passed a millage renewal that allowed us to completely renovate and update all of our elementary schools and some of the middle school. We have an incredible opportunity to keep it going with a no increase millage vote. Our community is in a unique spot to once again vote to maintain our current millage rate of 6.55 mils, with no increase, and generate money to support our schools.</b>
Why can't the District save for this kind of stuff?	<b>Schools are funded on a per pupil basis and that funding is meant for supporting student learning. The State funding structure of Michigan is such that school facilities are maintained through local millages like this one.</b>
When would the work begin?	<b>Work would begin in Spring of 2026 with some of the middle school work that was not completed in the last phase of construction.</b>
What are the main things in this proposal?	<b>First we want to finish the work at the middle school which includes renovating and/or building new in the performing arts and east gym/locker room areas. We would then move onto the high school. Items such as roofs, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, windows, doors, security, buses, and classroom furniture at the middle school and high school would be the focus. While not the most exciting things, it is essential that we take good care of the core infrastructure of our buildings in order to ensure they last for generations to come.</b>

What happens if it doesn't pass?	<b>If this millage does not pass then the maximum we can levy is still 6.55 mills. If property values increase to the point that we are collecting more tax dollars than the voters approved then we would have to decrease the millage rate accordingly.</b>
How can we use this money?	<b>Local millage tax dollars like this can only be used for those things that the voters approved. In this case that is construction, renovation, and maintenance of school facilities. Millage tax dollars cannot be used for salaries or personnel.</b>
When will the work be completed?	<b>Work would be completed by 2034 as this millage would allow for multiple phases of construction across the district.</b>