



Vote Nov. 7!



## SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE

### What is on the ballot?

- A ten-year special education millage proposal of 0.9 mils per year. If approved, the proposed millage would generate approximately \$3 million per year for 10 years to support special education in all school districts in the Eaton RESA service area.

### How much will the proposed millage cost property owners?

- The cost to homeowners would be approximately \$7.50 per month/\$90 per year for a home with a market value of \$200,000 (with a taxable value of \$100,000).

### Will local districts benefit from this millage?

- Yes, if passed, the millage would benefit local districts by restoring and increasing dedicated special education funding which would allow districts to keep more general fund dollars to pay for programs and education for all students.
- In the Eaton RESA service area, nearly 15% of students receive special education services.

### Why is this on the ballot?

- Federal, state and local special education revenues underfund Eaton RESA service area programs by nearly \$6.1 million dollars annually.
- Local school districts are mandated by law to provide special education programs and services; however, federal and state governments have not adequately funded special education in the past, placing the burden on local and intermediate school districts. Without additional millage funds, local school districts are forced to use general education funds to pay for special education programs and services.

### Why is this an Eaton RESA initiative?

- Eaton RESA is the only educational entity in Eaton County that can place this proposal on the ballot and is doing so on behalf of, and in cooperation with, the local school districts.
- Eaton RESA provides direct special education services, including speech, occupational therapy, ASD programs, transportation, adaptive technology and more to local districts as well as distributes funds to local districts through the Special Education Funding system.



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