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Macomb County Education Enhancement Millage

Macomb County residents will see a question on our ballot this March asking whether we want to increase funding for our school districts through a "regional enhancement millage."

- People choose Macomb County because of its strong public schools, and it is a great place to raise a family and grow a business.
- Macomb Schools have a long-standing reputation for providing quality programs, carefully serving as stewards of funds provided by state, federal, and local revenue sources.
- The enhancement millage gives our communities an opportunity to provide a stable source of funding that goes directly to our students and will attract and retain a talented workforce.
- All public schools including public charter schools would receive funds raised through the millage.
- According to the 2019 Macomb Equalization Report, the average Macomb County home is valued at close to \$200,000. The 1.9 enhancement millage would cost approximately \$190 per year on a home valued at \$200,000 or approximately \$95 per year on a home valued at \$100,000.
- A comparison of neighboring counties, utilizing MDE Bulletin 1014, demonstrates that Macomb County schools receive on average several hundred dollars less per student.

100% of the money raised by the Education Enhancement Millage would go toward K-12 education!

This proposal would:

- Create a 1.9 mill, ten-year, countywide millage that would generate a dedicated source of funding of approximately \$55 million annually for all school districts in Macomb County.
- Provide dedicated resources that go directly to students and would allow each Macomb County district to determine how to best support the needs of their community's children, including retaining qualified teachers and keeping co-curricular activities.

How much money would the Education Enhancement Millage raise for our schools?

Every district in Macomb County would receive over **\$400 per student in additional resources** - an investment in our students' success!

How would the money be distributed?

Funds would be distributed on an equal, per-student basis to each individual school district and charter school in Macomb County.

