

## ZERO-TAX-RATE-INCREASE

# WCS outstanding achievements thanks to community support

- Thirteen Warren Consolidated Schools were awarded Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School status.
- Cousino High School and Green Acres Elementary School were awarded National Blue Ribbon status.
- Sterling Heights and Warren Mott High Schools have been named one of America's Best High Schools by U.S. News & World Report.
- Sterling Heights High School has been named one of America's Best High Schools by Newsweek.
- The Class of 2016 was awarded **\$18,288,150** in academic and athletic scholarships.
- Our district is an internationally accredited school district by AdvancedED and is recognized as a high quality school system.

For more information, go to [www.wcskids.net](http://www.wcskids.net)

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**March 18, 2017:** Absentee ballots available to voters

**April 3, 2017:** Last day to register to vote

**May 2, 2017:** Election Day

## REMEMBER TO VOTE Tuesday, May 2, 2017

For more information, call your school principal  
or Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Robert D. Livernois at  
1-888-4-WCSKIDS or send an email to [info@wcskids.net](mailto:info@wcskids.net).



# Warren Consolidated Schools

*Creating Dynamic Futures*

## ZERO - TAX - RATE - INCREASE OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL



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# What is our **ZERO-TAX-RATE-INCREASE** operating millage renewal?

**1** It contributes directly to our operating budget and assists in maintaining high-quality education programs for students.

**2** Without it, WCS would receive 23% less funding for the next 10 years. Programs, class sizes, learning materials, staffing, and extracurricular offerings would be significantly impacted.

**3** The millage impacts only the general fund operating budget and is NOT related to the capital improvement bond passed in 2016.

In 2007, our community voted **YES** to renew the operating millage, keeping school funding at a reliable level for 10 years in WCS.

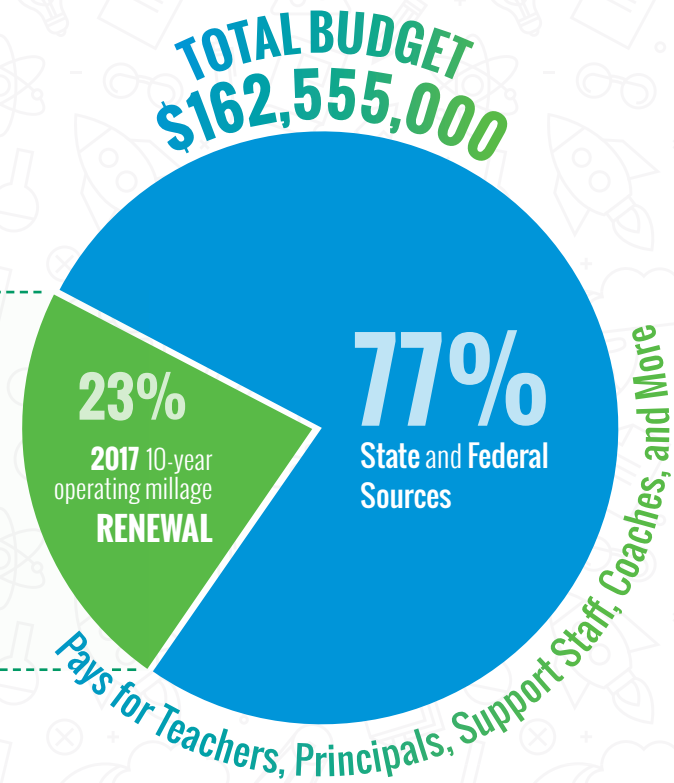
Due to the fiscal responsibility of the district, **no tax increase is necessary**. It is now time for the community to vote on holding this millage rate steady for the next 10 years to maintain opportunities for our students as we prepare them for college, trade school, the workforce, and beyond.

## THE IMPACT TO OUR **BUDGET:**

### OPERATING MILLAGE BREAKDOWN

Approximately 40% from principal homeowner residences and

60% from business, rental, and other non-exempt property



## HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM THE 20-Year Capital Improvement Bond?

Our capital improvement bond addresses safety & security, technology, and facility improvements across all schools.

These funds **CANNOT** be used toward annual operating expenses such as teachers, principals, support staff, coaches, utilities, classroom learning materials, and more.



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# UNDERSTANDING

## Warren Consolidated Schools

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## Operating Millage Renewal Ballot

#### APPLIES ONLY TO BUSINESSES

Businesses, rental properties,  
and other non-exempt properties  
will contribute 60% of  
the funding for the millage.

#### OUR OPERATING BUDGET

This millage accounts for 23% of  
the district's general operating  
budget and is used for the core  
mission of educating students.

WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS DISTRICT  
COUNTIES OF MACOMB AND OAKLAND  
STATE OF MICHIGAN

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal, if approved by the electors, will allow the Warren Consolidated Schools District 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 Warren Consolidated Schools District, Counties of Macomb and Oakland, State of Michigan, be increased as provided in the Michigan Constitution, in the amount of 18.3182 mills with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), and against all principal residences and other property not exempted by law, by 9 mills (\$9.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), both millages to be for a period of ten (10) years, 2018 to 2027, inclusive with 17.8182 mills of the above 18.3182 mills and the 9 mills being a renewal and continuation of authorized millages which would otherwise expire on December 31, 2017 and 0.1818 mills of the above 18.3182 mills being a restoration of millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution? These operating millages if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of Thirty-Seven Million Three Hundred Five Thousand Sixty-Four (\$37,305,064) Dollars during the 2018 calendar year; to be used for general operating purposes.

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

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

#### ZERO-TAX-RATE-INCREASE

This is not a tax rate  
increase and is the same  
rate that was approved  
by voters 10 years ago  
in 2007.

#### PRINCIPAL HOMEOWNERS' CONTRIBUTION

This is not a tax rate  
increase and the current nine  
(9) mills being levied will  
remain the same.