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TBAISD Millage Levels

(Bond Proposal will lower ER Schools millage to 13th of 16 ISD schools)

| 2015 Debt & Sinking Fund Millage Levels | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------|---|---|--|
| <u>2015 Debt Millage - Ranked From "Highest to Lowest"</u> | | | | | |
| | | Total * | | | |
| 1 | Buckley Community Schools | 5.44 | | | |
| | State Average - 551 Districts | 4.99 |  | 2015 State Average | |
| 2 | Suttons Bay Public Schools | 4.54 | | | |
| 3 | Alba Public School | 4.33 | | | |
| 4 | Mancelona Public Schools | 3.75 | | | |
| 5 | Kalkaska Public Schools | 3.17 | | | |
| 6 | Bellaire Public Schools | 3.15 | | | |
| 7 | Traverse City Area Public Schools | 3.10 | | | |
| 8 | Kingsley Area Schools | 2.90 | | | |
| 9 | Forest Area Community Schools | 2.40 | | | |
| 10 | Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools | 2.28 | | | |
| 11 | Leland Public Schools | 2.11 | | | |
| 12 | Benzie County Schools | 1.68 | | | |
| 13 | Elk Rapids Schools | 1.42 |  | 2015 Elk Rapids Rate | |
| | | | | Bond approval would lower this rate by 11% to 1.26 mills | |
| 14 | Glen Lake Community Schools | 1.15 | | | |
| 15 | Northport Public School | 0.00 | | | |
| 16 | Excelsior District #1 (1 room school) | 0.00 | | | |
| * Includes sinking fund millage and debt millages | | | | | |
| Other Area Schools | | | | | |
| a. | Charlevoix | 3.12 | | | |
| b. | Boyne City Schools | 3.35 | | | |
| c. | East Jordan | 3.69 | | | |
| Statewide average (of 551 districts) school debt millage is 4.99. | | | | | |
| 487 districts, or 88%, have a higher debt levy than Elk Rapids. | | | | | |

2016 Bond for Technology/Facility Improvements Process

- Established a timeline for gathering information
- Met with or received information from:
 - Principals and PK-12 staff
 - Building/Maintenance Supervisor
 - Cabinet (all supervisors-have met numerous times)
 - K-12 Technology Committee
 - Finance and Facilities Committee (multiple meetings)
 - School Board meetings
 - We secured many quotes to assess the cost
 - Thrun Law Firm
 - Architect
 - Construction Manager
 - Financial Advisor
 - School Board Retreats

How Does the Bond Help our District?

- All facility improvements (not an exhaustive list)
 - Roofs
 - Boilers/Air Handlers
 - Lighting/Electrical
 - Buses
 - Technology
 - Auditorium upgrades
 - Classroom furniture
 - Security Cameras
 - Playground upgrades
 - Flooring
 - Sidewalks
 - Parking Lots
 - Equipment for Food Service, Custodial, Maintenance and Grounds
 - Library Books
 - Restroom improvements
 - Equipment for classrooms/programs
 - Lock/Security system

Technology

- Technology, 1:1 computing, is integral to our classroom instruction and the education of our students
- Sufficient technology/computers are needed to administer the State mandated assessment
- The State requires that we are able to offer at least 2 online courses to middle/high school students (21F)
- High School offers over 50 online courses
- All students in grades 3-8 take the NWEA Reading and Math assessment which is online
- iPads will be over 6 years old and obsolescence is a major concern for not only classroom learning but being able to administer the State mandated assessments

Technology

- We are committed to student K-12 1:1 devices
- Infrastructure is needed to utilize these devices (servers, network, access points)
- Phone system is 10 years old, no longer supported by manufacturer and needs to be replaced
- Classroom projectors, document cameras and printers are replaced as necessary

Roof Replacements

- Roofs were assessed in terms of High, Medium and Low replacement needs
- Decision is to replace High need areas as Medium need areas are expected to have 5+ years of life remaining
- High need roofs are over 25 years old and many experience leaks throughout the year
- New Roofs will have a 20 year warranty
- High need replacements are the High School, Middle School and Lakeland Elementary. As these are large buildings some portions of the roofs are newer and don't need to be replaced today

Classroom/Facility Improvements

- Science lab equipment
- Library books/media furnishings
- School restroom upgrades
- Parent parking lot at Lakeland resurfacing
- Install K-1 Lockers at Lakeland
- Flooring replacement
- Maintenance Department Equipment
- Custodial Equipment

Classroom/Facility Improvements

- Window and door replacement
- School furniture/supplies/storage
- Music Instruments
- Peterman Auditorium improvements
- Audio upgrades for Performing Arts
- Food Service Equipment

Buses

- Buses are replaced when they are in the 12-15 year old range and have over 250,000 miles.
- Replacement plan:
 - 2016 - 1 bus
 - 2017 - 2 buses
 - 2018 - 2 buses
 - 2019 - 2 buses

Facility Improvements, Energy Efficiency & Security

- Secure entrances at CMS and MC (“Buzzer System”)
- District Locknetics
- Additional security cameras
- Energy efficiency controllers
- Air handlers
- Storage building
- Install LED lighting in all buildings

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Highest Need Projects are in this Bond Proposal

- Initial Bond project requests totaled \$6.5 M
- After careful review and numerous discussions, the determined highest priority projects equaled \$4.3 M

Bond Impact on Tax Rate

Millage Rate Will Drop from
1.42 to 1.26

11% Reduction from
2015 to 2016

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