



Special Education in Livingston County

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is on the Ballot this November**



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Overview of LESA

History and Mission:

- To promote a culture of educational excellence for Livingston County through service, leadership and collaboration. We support all students, especially those with special needs.

Commitment:

- We are dedicated to ensuring that every student has an equitable opportunity to learn and the resources and support they need to succeed.

Restoration & Renewal Proposal:

- Asking voters to consider a millage restoration and renewal proposal for special education on behalf of Livingston County Schools.



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What is the Millage?

On behalf of all Livingston County School Districts and Public School Academies, LESA is asking voters to consider renewing and restoring the special education millage approved in 2015.

Why is the Renewal & Restoration Important?

The renewal would impact all students by continuing funding for special education programs used by more than 3,500 students.

It would also help fill the funding gap left by insufficient federal and state funding that otherwise would be drawn from the general fund, reducing resources for all Livingston students.

Where do the Funds go?

100% of funds will go to local districts and public school academies. None of the money generated by this millage proposal will stay with LESA.



Learn more:
www.livingstonesa.org/special-education-livingston-county



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Millage Renewal & Restoration

What is the Millage?

- Approved in 2015, this would be a renewal and restoration of the original rate, not a new tax.
- The average homeowner in Livingston County would see their tax bill increase by just a few cents per day.

What would it do?

- Help fund programs for over 3,500 students with special needs.
- Fill funding gaps left by insufficient federal and state funding.
- Help maintain the quality of education for all students.

Millage-Funded Programs & Tools

If approved, the funds would be used on the local school district and public school academy level to support programs and tools for students with special needs.

Example Programs:

- **Special Education Services: All**
- **Unified Sports:** Inclusive sports teams that pair students with special needs with their peers.
- **Work Readiness Training (Wrap Program):** Prepares high school students for employment through hands-on training.
- **Peer-to-Peer Program:** Encourages social integration and support by pairing general education students with special education peers.

Example Tools:

- **Assistive Technology:** Provides tools and resources to help students communicate and learn.
- **Behavioral Support:** Specialized programs to support students with behavioral needs.
- **Paraprofessionals:** Trained staff providing support to special education students.

Student and Community Impact

Community Benefits:

- Enhances the overall quality of education.
- Promotes a more inclusive and supportive community.
- Ensures compliance with federal and state mandates for special education without diverting resources from other critical needs.



Why Increase if it's a Renewal?

The Michigan Constitution requires that millage rates be “rolled back” if taxable values increase more than the rate of inflation.

When the 2015 millage expires in 2025, the districts can only levy 2.1294 of the 3.31 mills approved in 1972, 1974 and 1988.

If the renewal and restoration proposal were to pass, taxpayers would continue to pay 0.9803 mills plus 0.2003 mills that were “rolled back” since 2015.



What is the Actual Cost?

For a \$400,000 home with a taxable value of \$200,000, the renewal would cost about **\$0.54 per day**, and the restoration would cost about **\$0.11 per day**.



Get Involved

- Invite the community to upcoming informational meetings and events.
- Share information about the millage renewal and restoration proposal with your friends and family.
- Visit our landing page for more details and updates:
www.livingstonesa.org/special-education-livingston-county.

Q&A Session

- We welcome your questions about the millage renewal and restoration proposal and the programs it supports.
- Please feel free to ask any questions or share your thoughts.



**On Behalf of Livingston County Schools,
Thank You!**



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