

REETHS-PUFFER SCHOOLS

Operating Millage Frequently Asked Questions

August 4, 2026 Election

Purpose

This document provides factual information regarding the August 4, 2026 operating millage proposal. It is intended to answer commonly asked questions. Contact Superintendent Steve Edwards (231-744-4736) with additional questions.

What is a school district operating millage?

As a result of Proposal A, most Michigan school districts must levy an operating millage on non-homestead property in order to receive their full per-pupil funding from the State. These dollars support day-to-day school operations, including staffing, instruction, transportation, and maintenance.

Is this a new tax?

No. This proposal is a six-year reauthorization of the non-homestead operating millage previously approved by voters.

Will my primary residence taxes increase?

No. Primary residences (homestead property) are exempt from this operating millage.

What is non-homestead property?

Business, commercial, industrial, rental, investment, and second/vacation properties.

Is this related to a bond?

No. Operating millage supports daily operations. Bond funds may only be used for construction and facility improvements.

Why does this matter?

If not approved, the District would lose approximately \$3.791 million annually in operating revenue, requiring budget reductions.

Election Day Information

Election Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Polls: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Eligible Voters: Registered voters residing within Reeths-Puffer School District boundaries.

More Information: Michigan.gov/Vote

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