

Alanson Public Schools

Enhancement Millage Nov. 7, 2017

Sept. 18, 2017

On Nov. 7, 2017, voters in each of the 11 Charlevoix-Emmet ISD public school districts will be asked to consider an Enhancement Millage proposal of 1.0 mill for 10 years. A majority of voters within the Char-Em ISD would need to approve the proposal for it to be implemented.

An Enhancement Millage is the only option for school districts to request operational funding from the public beyond funding provided by the state.

Since 2008-09, state funding has not kept up with inflation, causing districts to reduce or eliminate programs, classroom materials, and staff. If approved, each of the 11 school districts in the Char-Em ISD would receive an additional \$615 per student for operations, starting with the 2018-19 school year.

For calculating a property tax increase, 1.0 mill is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 of a home's taxable value. The Enhancement Millage proposal is for 1.0 mill, which means the proposal would be calculated using \$1 per \$1,000 taxable value. For example, a home with a market value of \$200,000 has a taxable value of approximately \$100,000 or less; the 1.0 Enhancement Millage would total \$100 or less per year.

If the millage is approved, it would generate an estimated \$5.23 million in the first year. The Char-Em ISD will serve as fiduciary of the funds, which will be distributed to each local school district for use as deemed necessary by each individual district.

The 11 public school districts in the Char-Em ISD have indicated uses of the additional revenue could include increased preschool availability, career exploration opportunities for high school students, after-school programs, increased literacy efforts, arts education, transportation, counseling, at-risk student identification and support, capital improvements, and other recommendations.

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. at your usual polling location.

If you have questions, please contact your district's superintendent or call the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District Superintendent Jeff Crouse at (231) 547-9947.