

Vote 11.8.22



Special Education Millage Proposal



What would it do?

- Roughly 3,000 students each year receive special education services supported by the existing millage, along with funding for special education facilities, equipment, professional development and more.
- Allow local school districts to allocate more funding to other operational expenses, such as school facilities used by the community, and programming and supports for **all students**.



Why is it needed?

- As property values rise faster than inflation, the Headlee Amendment can cause reductions to millage levies.
- The proposal would serve to offset future reductions and **allow the full millage levy to be maintained at its previously approved level of 2 mills**.
- Taxpayers would not see the levied millage rate go above 2 mills.
- Stable funding would allow quality special education services to be provided to students with greatest needs.



What is the proposal?

- Restoration millage of up to .5 mill for 10 years (2023-32) for special education services.
- Only the amount needed to **maintain current 2-mill levy** would be collected.
- Currently, 2 mills generates \$27.5 million to support special education regionally.



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