

KENT COUNTY PROPOSALS
November 3, 2026 General Election

County Proposals

Kent County
Millage Renewal and Increase
Corrections and Detention Facilities

Shall Kent County levy 0.98 mill (\$0.98 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable value of all real and personal property subject to taxation for the period 2026 through 2045 inclusive to expand, remodel, equip, operate, maintain, and defray debt service for Kent County Correction and Detention Facilities? This millage is a renewal of the previously authorized millage which expires following the 2029 levy as well as an authorization to increase the existing millage by 0.2468 mill (\$0.2468 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The amount raised by the proposed levy in the first calendar year is estimated at \$37,326,699.00.

To the extent permitted by law, a portion of the revenues from this millage will be captured by local authorities for authorized purposes. The total amount of captured tax increment revenues from such millage in the first calendar year of the levy is estimated at \$1,497,204.07. The authorities in Kent County capturing a portion of the revenues from this levy include the following: the Downtown Development Authorities for the Cities of Cedar Springs, Grandville, Lowell, Rockford, Walker, the Charter Township of Cascade, and the Townships of Bowne, Sparta, and Tyrone; the Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities of Grand Rapids, Grandville, Kentwood, Rockford, Walker, and Wyoming; and the Monroe North Tax increment Financing Authority of the City of Grand Rapids, Local Development Financing Authority of the City of Grand Rapids, and the Corridor Improvement Authority of the City of Grand Rapids.

**Kent County
Millage Renewal
Zoo and Museum Millage**

For the purpose of renewing dedicated funding for the care of animals and artifacts, repair and improvement of exhibits, and providing enhanced educational programs, shall the total limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property in Kent County be renewed at 0.4086 mill (\$0.4086 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) on all Real and Personal Property subject to taxation for the period 2026 through 2035, inclusive, which would be allocated to the John Ball Zoo and the Grand Rapids Public Museum? The amount raised by the levy in the first year is estimated at \$15,562,948.00.

To the extent permitted by law, a portion of the revenues from this millage will be captured by local authorities for authorized purposes. The total amount of captured tax increment revenues from such millage in the first calendar year of the levy is estimated at \$399,110.86. The tax increment authorities in Kent County, capturing a portion of this tax levy, include the following: the Downtown Development Authorities for the Cities of Cedar Springs, Grandville, Lowell, Rockford, and Walker, the Charter Township of Cascade, the Townships of Bowne, Sparta, and Tyrone; the Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities of Cascade Township, Cedar Springs, Grand Rapids, Grandville, Kent County, Kentwood, Plainfield Charter Township, Rockford, Walker, and Wyoming; the Monroe North Tax increment Financing Authority; and Corridor Improvement Authority of the City of Grand Rapids.

City/Township Proposals

Byron Township New Millage Proposition 1.00 Mill for Parks and Recreation Purposes

Shall the limitation on general ad valorem taxation within the Township of Byron imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for the Township of Byron by a rate not to exceed (1.00) mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, beginning in the year 2026 and continuing through the year 2035, both inclusive, subject to reduction as provided by law, on taxable value in the Township?

The purpose of this new millage levy is to raise additional funds to be used by the Township for funding the expansion, acquisition, improvement, operation, and maintenance of Township parks, recreation facilities, trails, pathways, and sidewalks. It is estimated that a levy of 1.00 mill would provide revenue of \$2,019,781 in the first calendar year. If this new millage is approved, the Township Board anticipates levying 0.60 mill on the December 1, 2026, tax bill. The revenue from this new millage levy will be disbursed and used by the Township.

City of East Grand Rapids Public Parking Facility and Pedestrian Safety Bond Proposal

Shall the City of East Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, borrow the principal amount of not to exceed \$9,000,000 and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for all or a portion of that amount in one or more series payable over not to exceed twenty years from the date of issue of each series to pay a portion of the cost of designing, acquiring and constructing a public parking facility located on Bagley on or near the existing East Grand Rapids Public Schools parking lot, site acquisition, site work, traffic signals at Lake and Bagley/San Lu Rae, designing and constructing pedestrian and micromobility safety infrastructure and related expenses and improvements?

The estimated millage to be levied in the first year of levy is 0.5922 mills (\$0.5922 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 0.4925 mills (\$0.4925 for each \$1,000 of taxable value).

**City of Walker
Proposal to Authorize a New Additional Millage for Public Safety
of 1.75 Mills**

Shall Section 9.5, Chapter IX, of the City of Walker Charter be amended to authorize a new additional millage of 1.75 mills (\$1.75 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) to be levied solely for providing funds for capital and operating expenses for police and fire for a period of ten (10) years from 2027 to 2036? (If levied, the additional 1.75 mills are estimated to raise \$3,065,105 in the first year of the levy. To the extent required by law, a portion of the revenues from this millage will be disbursed to the City's Brownfield Redevelopment and Downtown Development Authorities.)

Local School District

**Comstock Park Public Schools
Operating Millage Proposal**

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Comstock Park Public Schools, Kent County, Michigan, be increased by 3 mills (\$3.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 4 years, 2027 to 2030, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2027 is approximately \$50,000 (this millage is to restore millage lost as a

result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore that reduction)?

Kelloggsville Public School District Bond Proposal

Shall Kelloggsville Public School District, Kent County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Eight Million One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$38,180,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

acquiring, erecting, completing and remodeling school buildings, facilities and additions to school buildings and facilities; equipping, re-equipping, furnishing and refurnishing school buildings and facilities; purchasing school buses; acquiring and installing instructional technology; and acquiring, preparing, developing, improving and equipping athletic fields, play fields, playgrounds, structures, facilities and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2027 is 2.15 mills (\$2.15 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a - 0- mills net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-two (22) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.03 mills (\$3.03 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

Kenowa Hills Public Schools Operating Millage Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The remaining 2 mills are only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Kenowa Hills Public Schools, Kent and Ottawa Counties, Michigan, be increased by 20 mills (\$20.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2027 to 2036, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately \$17,226,786 (this authorization would allow the district to continue to levy millage that expired with the 2026 tax levy)?

Rockford Public Schools Operating Millage Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The remaining 3 mills are only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction. The total millage levied from this authorization shall not exceed 18 mills in any year.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Rockford Public Schools, Kent County, Michigan, be increased by 21 mills (\$21.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 4 years, 2027 to 2030, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately \$9,536,108 (this is a replacement of millage that expired with the 2026 tax levy)?

Tri County Area Schools Operating Millage Proposal

This proposal will replace expiring millage and allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 20 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The remaining 2 mills are only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Tri County Area Schools, Montcalm, Kent and Newaygo Counties, Michigan, be increased by 20 mills (\$20.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 4 years, 2027 to 2030, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately \$3,377,472 (this millage replaces millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy)?

Tri County Area Schools Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Tri County Area Schools, Montcalm, Kent and Newaygo Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.5 mills (\$1.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2026 to 2035, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings, including career-technical spaces and workforce readiness spaces; for school security improvements; for the acquisition or upgrading of technology; for the acquisition of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used for the maintenance of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of eligible trucks and vans used to carry parts, equipment, and personnel for or in the maintenance of school buildings; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used to maintain such trucks and vans; and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2026 is approximately \$11,101,859?

Educational Service Agency

I. ALLEGAN AREA EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL (RESTORATION OF MILLAGE REDUCTION)

This proposal requests additional millage to permit the continued levy by the intermediate school district of the maximum mills for special education previously approved by the electors.

Shall the limitation on the annual property tax rate for the education of students with a disability in Allegan Area Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 0.1699 mill (\$0.1699 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 8 years, 2027 to 2034, inclusive (this increase will allow the intermediate school district to levy the maximum rate of 3.05 mills previously approved by the electors that has been reduced as required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963); the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2027 is approximately \$13,703,962 from local property taxes authorized herein?

II. ALLEGAN AREA EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL (RESTORATION OF MILLAGE REDUCTION)

This proposal requests additional millage to permit the continued levy by the intermediate school district of the maximum mills for area career and technical education previously approved by the electors.

Shall the limitation on the annual property tax rate for area career and technical education in Allegan Area Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 0.0994 mill (\$0.0994 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 8 years, 2027 to 2034, inclusive (this increase will allow the intermediate school district to levy the maximum rate of 1.78 mills previously approved by the electors that has been reduced as required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963); the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect

if the millage is approved and levied in 2027 is approximately \$7,996,555 from local property taxes authorized herein?