

# The Ballot Language

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
STATE OF MICHIGAN

## OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

BPS currently receives operating revenue from local residential and non-residential property taxes as approved by the voters in 2006.

This proposal, if approved by the electors, will allow the Birmingham Public Schools **to continue to** levy up to 10.9236 mills for general operating purposes (a reduction from the 11.3111 mills previously authorized by the electors) on all taxable property in the School District to the extent that such property is not exempt from such levy. Under existing law, the School District would levy only that portion of the mills on taxable property necessary to allow the School District to receive the **full revenue per pupil foundation allowance** permitted by the State. The School District is currently **only levying 8.5642 mills** of these mills on personal residences (owner-occupied homes).

Levy limited by Department of Treasury calculation.

Primarily businesses, homes, and rental property located within the school

State law allows a maximum of 18 mills to be levied on commercial property.

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against **all property, except property exempted by law,** situated within the Birmingham Public Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, be **renewed as provided** in the Michigan Constitution, in the amount of 10.9236 mills (\$10.92 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of five (5) years, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022, inclusive, with 10.9236 mills of the above being a renewal of millage which would otherwise expire on December 31, 2016? This millage would provide estimated revenues to the Birmingham Public Schools of Forty-Three Million Two Hundred Thousand and 00/100 **(\$43,200,000) Dollars** during the 2017 calendar year, to be used for **general operating purposes**, if approved and levied.

Accounts for approximately 38% of the School District's total General Fund Budget.

Operating dollars pay for expenses related to the core mission of educating students including salaries for our teachers.

YES: \_\_\_\_\_

NO: \_\_\_\_\_