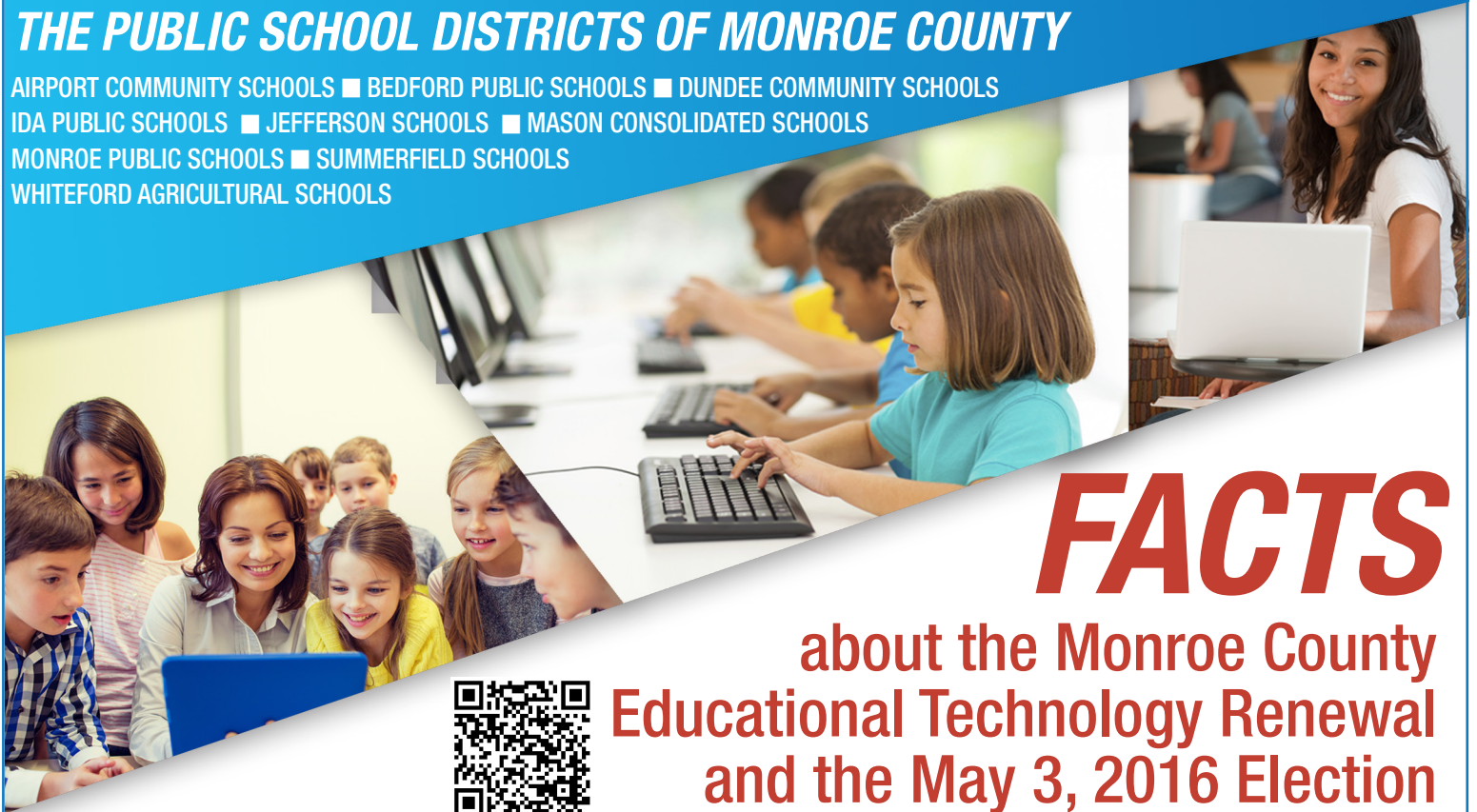


THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF MONROE COUNTY

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FACTS

about the Monroe County Educational Technology Renewal and the May 3, 2016 Election



Who is conducting the May 3rd millage renewal election?

As required by state law, the local Boards of Education for the nine public school districts throughout Monroe County have requested that the Monroe County Intermediate School District's Board of Education hold this election to seek renewal of the countywide millage for educational technology initiatives that support curriculum goals in the schools, across all grades K-12.

How are the funds distributed?

Following the election, the monies generated by the millage will be distributed to each local school district, based on each district's K-12 student population. The Monroe County ISD handles the distribution, but does not receive any of these funds.

Why is the May 3rd vote a county-wide election?

State law mandates that only intermediate school districts are allowed to place regional enhancement millages on the ballot for voter consideration. Since 1997, local school districts have been unable to approach the public for regional enhancement operating millages at the district level. This is a countywide election because, by law, that is the only option.

Is this a new tax?

What is the amount being requested?

This is NOT a new tax; it is a **renewal request**. Since it is a **renewal**, our local property taxes will NOT increase. This request for renewal amounts to .9866 mill for five years, which represents .9866 cents of taxes for every \$1,000 of taxable value on a home. [Each home has its own taxable value. For instance, a home with a taxable value of \$ 100,000 would provide \$98.66 per year for educational technology.] The renewal request is for slightly LESS than 1 mill.

When is the election?

Who can vote on this proposal?

The election will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All persons who are at least 18 years of age, who are residents of Monroe County school districts, and who are registered voters can vote on the issue.

How will the millage money be used in our schools?

Millage dollars are designated solely for educational technology, related staffing and services, and cannot be used for any other expenses. This funding provides technology including portable computer labs, electronic grading and attendance software, campus-wide wireless infrastructure, and iPad usage. Many Monroe County schools have adopted a 1:1 Learning Initiative, which provides each enrolled student with an electronic device to access the Internet, digital course materials and textbooks. Some campuses are using cloud-based applications and collaboration tools, where students can work together on projects. These tools can be as simple as a Smartboard or interactive whiteboard for brainstorming to online tools such as Blackboard, Moodle, Wikispaces, Skype and Google Drive, to name a few—bringing an increase in e-learning or distance learning. Monroe County students use these technology tools for research, communication, designing, solving science or math problems, and much more.

The official proposition language that will appear on the ballot on Tuesday, May 3, 2016:

REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed millage will be collected by the intermediate school district and distributed to local public school districts based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Monroe County Intermediate School District, be renewed by .9866 mill (\$0.9866 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2017 to 2021, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district technology purposes and related expenses; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2017 is approximately \$5,402,779 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2016 levy)?

Do you have questions about this information? Please call MCISD Supt. Steve McNew at 734.242.5799, ext. 1000.

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