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## **Clarenceville School District Proposes Non-Homestead Operating Millage Renewal and \$29.25M Bond to Support Student Success**

**Livonia, Mich., June 13, 2025** — On November 4, 2025, Clarenceville School District voters will consider two ballot proposals: a renewal of the district’s non-homestead operating millage and a \$29.25 million bond proposal. Together, these measures maintain current operations and invest in school facilities—without increasing the total tax rate.

### **Maintaining Operations**

The non-homestead operating millage applies only to businesses, rental properties, and second homes—not primary residences—and generates \$3.2 million annually. Renewing this millage allows the district to continue funding essential services, staffing, and programs. This is not a new tax, but a continuation of existing support. While the operating millage applies only to non-homestead properties, all registered voters—regardless of property type—are eligible to vote on its renewal.

### **Funding the Future**

If passed, the \$29.25 million bond proposal will support major capital improvements, reduce reliance on our sinking fund, and create an opportunity to lower the tax rate further in the near future.

Key investments include:

- **Elementary School Modernization:** Upgrades to Botsford and Grandview, including site work, HVAC, electrical, playground improvements, and exterior and interior improvements, including STEM labs.
- **Secondary Campus Enhancements:** A new gymnasium, site work, HVAC, electrical, exterior and interior improvements, and auditorium upgrades at Clarenceville High School.
- **District-Wide Improvements:** Upgrades to safety and security—including secured vestibules and entrances—along with modern technology, furniture, and equipment designed to support 21st-century learning environments.
- **Strategic Facility Planning:** Use of the current middle school as swing space during renovations, with future plans to be determined.

“Our mission is to create a learning environment where students can thrive,” said Superintendent Melissa Carruth. “The non-homestead operating millage supporting funding for



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essential services, staffing, and programs and the proposed bond are a strategic investment in our district vision—modernizing our facilities to support academic achievement, student engagement and well-being, and district excellence.”

Clarenceville School District remains committed to fostering a culture of excellence that supports the learning for all students. With the support of dedicated educators, engaged families, and a proud community, the district continues to prepare students to lead with knowledge, compassion, and integrity.

Under Michigan law, school bond funds must be used exclusively for capital improvements—such as building renovations, new construction, and purchasing equipment or technology. These funds cannot be used for staff salaries, day-to-day maintenance, or other operational costs.

More bond information will become available in the coming months on the district website. Please visit <https://www.clarenceville.k12.mi.us> or contact the superintendent, Melissa Carruth at [melissa.carruth@clarencevilleschools.org](mailto:melissa.carruth@clarencevilleschools.org) for any bond related questions.

### **About Clarenceville School District**

Clarenceville School District, one of Michigan’s oldest public-school systems, is deeply rooted in the community it serves. With a proud legacy of educational excellence, the district is committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where every student is empowered to thrive. Clarenceville prioritizes academic achievement, innovation, and strong community partnerships to prepare students for success in a rapidly changing world. Guided by a mission to inspire lifelong learning and responsible citizenship, Clarenceville continues to build on its historic foundation while embracing the future.

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