Following the legislation of Proposal A in 1994, concerns existed that, over time, the new funding plan could fall short of revenue needs in certain communities. To compensate for the potential need for additional revenues, Proposal A included a provision that ultimately allows Intermediate School Districts, or ISDs, to levy millage funding to be distributed 100 percent on a per-pupil basis to every constituent K-12 school district and public school academy within that ISD.

More recently, two studies have been conducted on pupil funding. In June 2016, the State of Michigan Legislature sponsored The Michigan Education Finance Study with a recommended base funding of $8,667 per pupil. In January 2018, the School Finance Research Collaborative recommended that every district receive base funding of $9,590 per pupil. Both studies’ recommendations are well above what most districts, including Coopersville Area Public Schools, currently receive in state funding.

Known as a regional enhancement millage, the proposal allows local communities within an ISD area to financially partner in an education tax to be distributed to public and charter schools on an equal per-pupil basis. Under management of the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, the proposal request is 0.9 mills for 10 years and would generate approximately $11.2 million in the first year, or $226 per pupil. Coopersville Area Public Schools would receive approximately $601,160, based on current enrollment projections of 2,660 students.

If approved, this would cost the owner of a $100,000 home approximately $3.75 per month, $45 per year.

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Voters will decide on the proposal on the November 6, 2018 ballot. Those seeking additional information are encouraged to contact Superintendent Ron Veldman at (616) 997-3200.

HOW COOPERSVILLE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANTICIPATE USING FUNDS GENERATED FROM THE ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE IF APPROVED:

- Maintain and enhance student support services
- Maintain appropriate class sizes and student offerings
- Safety and security
- Student and staff technology