



Did you know that?...

- On May 3, 2011, Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) is seeking a special education millage renewal of 0.985 mill for 7 years.
- This renewal request is not a tax increase. It is actually slightly less than the 1 mill voters approved in 2004.
- Nearly 7,000 students—about 1 in 7—receive special education services in Washtenaw County.
- Most students receiving special education services are enrolled in public school districts and charter schools. Some attend WISD programs.
- This renewal would help maintain programs for students with special needs, leaving more funds in the schools' general operating budgets to provide services for ALL students.
- For more than 35 years, special education has been making a difference in the lives of people with disabilities. Special education prepares many individuals with special needs for real-world jobs and careers so they can:
 - support themselves,
 - become productive citizens in our community, and
 - not have to rely on tax-funded social service programs.
- The millage dollars are shared by all public school districts and public school academies in Washtenaw County using a cost-reimbursement basis. If you live in the school district of Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Dexter, Lincoln, Manchester, Milan, Saline, Whitmore Lake, Willow Run or Ypsilanti, your schools benefit from this funding.
- Because this is a renewal—not an increase—the rate home owners pay will be no more than what they paid in 2010.

***Please remember
to vote on
Tuesday, May 3, 2011.***

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