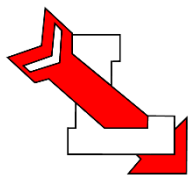


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October 13, 2025

Dear Families:

We're writing to provide you with information regarding the November election.

In 2017, the taxpayers approved a regional enhancement millage to support local public schools within the Kent ISD boundaries. Since then, Lowell Area Schools has used these funds to:

- Hire new staff to maintain smaller class sizes
- Hire new staff to support students who struggle with reading
- Expand literacy professional development
- Expand instructional technology and professional development
- Implement technology network upgrades

Set to expire in the 2026-2027 school year, the enhancement millage proposal would **renew** 0.8498 mill and **restore** 0.0502 mill that was reduced as required by state law, allowing a total of 0.9 mill to be levied for another 10 years.

The millage rate is 0.9, the same millage rate voters approved in 2017. If approved, this proposal generates an estimated \$35.6 million countywide, **approximately \$357 per student**.

Vote By Mail

If you are a registered Michigan voter, you may request an absentee ballot without requiring a reason, using either of the following methods:

- Online (requires personal ID info, signature upload)—until 5 p.m. the Friday before Election Day
- By mail—must be received by your local clerk by 5 p.m. the Friday before Election Day; best to mail at least 15 days early.

Vote In Person

- At your polling location—find your polling location by visiting michigan.gov/vote.

More information about this enhancement millage can be found on our [website](#).

Don't forget to vote by November 4, 2025.

Thank you,

Nate Fowler
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