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Dear Port Huron Schools Families,

On the August 7, 2018 ballot, Port Huron Schools has a request to voters to continue the 18 mill non-homestead tax our district has traditionally received via voter approval since the passage of Proposal A in 1994. There are a couple of points I want to make very clear about this ballot issue and I encourage you or anyone you know who wishes to hear more on this topic to contact the Administration office with questions.

1. **This is not a new tax request.** By law, almost all school districts are entitled to seek voter approval to levy 18 mills on such property. This is required for the district to receive its full per pupil foundation allowance from the state.
2. **This tax has zero impact on the taxes you pay on your own home or primary residence.** This tax - if passed - continues to be levied only against non-homestead properties. Non-homestead refers to commercial, business, owners of rental properties, vacant land and second-home properties.
3. Voters are also asked to consider authorizing the district for one additional mill to safeguard against losing money in the scenario of a roll back of up to one mill in the millage rate caused by the Headlee amendment. **By law, the district cannot levy more than 18 mills.**
4. To be clear, this request to the voters to approve the continued 18 mills and authorization of an additional mill only in the case of a Headlee amendment rollback, is **NOT related to, nor affected by, the "Building Tomorrow, Today" bond request** that was passed on August 2, 2016.

I appreciate your attention to this important issue on the August 7 ballot. Our district makes this request to the voters every five years to receive our continued full state operating funding. The investment this non-homestead renewal provides is 18% (\$11.3 million) of the funding we receive from the state that supports the operational costs of our district and our goal to provide *Personalized Success for ALL* to every one of our students on a daily basis. Thank you! #1PHASD

Sincerely,

Jamie Cain
Superintendent of Port Huron Schools