KNOW BEFORE YOU **VOTE**

NON-HOMESTEAD OPERATING MILLAGE & SINKING FUND

ELECTION DAY
Tuesday May 5
2026

PLANNING TODAY FOR EVERY STUDENT'S TOMORROW

MEASURE 1
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL
Non-homestead properties only

WHAT IS IT?

A millage on non-homestead properties — commercial buildings, industrial sites, and second homes. It is *not* a new tax.

WHO PAYS

Primary homeowners are **NOT** affected. This tax is paid by businesses and other non- homestead property owners.

HOW FUNDS ARE USED

Supports the district's general operating budget — the day-to-day costs of running schools, including:

- Classroom instruction
- Instructional materials
- Transportation
- Staffing
- Student support services
- Utilities & facilities

WHY IT MATTERS

Michigan funds schools assuming districts collect 18 mills on non-homestead property. Avondale's current rate is **below 18 mills** — meaning the district receives less than the state's assumed minimum. Renewing ensures full expected funding.

MEASURE 2
SINKING FUND MILLAGE RENEWAL
Capital improvements & safety

WHAT IS IT?

A local property tax used only for capital improvements — building repairs, safety improvements, and facility upgrades. This is a *renewal* of an existing millage.

YOUR TAX IMPACT

Zero tax increase for Avondale residents. This renews the current rate — no new cost to homeowners.

HOW FUNDS ARE USED

- Building repairs & renovations
- Roof, boiler & HVAC
- Student transportation
- Devices & technology
- Safety & security upgrades
- Unexpected facility repairs

WHY IT MATTERS

The sinking fund provides a **dedicated source** of capital funding — keeping schools safe, functional, and well-maintained without diverting classroom dollars to facility costs.

Both measures are renewals - NOT new taxes.

Approving these measures maintains current funding levels. Avondale Schools depends on these funds for daily operations and long-term facilities maintenance.

QUICK SUMMARY

Operating Millage — keeps schools running day-to-day, paid by businesses and non-homestead owners, ensures state funding floors are met.

Sinking Fund — maintains buildings and safety, zero cost increase for residents, keeps facility costs out of classroom budgets.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Both renewals protect high-quality education in Avondale — without raising taxes on primary homeowners. Remember to vote on **May 5, 2026!** Learn more about how millage proposals impact our schools at **www.avondaleschools.org/millages**.

Questions?

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