

Manchester Community Schools

VOTE ON MAY 4!

The May 4 School Election includes two ballot proposals that are of critical importance to the school district.

Facts about the proposals:

- This is NOT something new. The community approved identical proposals in 2004. This is a renewal. It is NOT a new tax.
- The vote has NO IMPACT, either way, on taxes on a primary (homestead) residence. This will not change your taxes.
- The vote does NOT increase taxes on non-homestead properties. There are two ballot questions: Both are renewals. Neither proposal raises taxes on any property owner.
- This is a Manchester Community School District question. This is NOT a county-wide millage.

If these proposals fail, the district will need to consider reductions that could include:

- 10 to 14 teaching positions.
- All athletics.
- All non-athletic activities.
- All general education transportation.

Even with approval of these ballot renewals, the district will face serious financial challenges for the 2010-2011 school year. All school districts in our state are facing these problems. Our district has made almost \$800,000 in budget reductions in the last three years alone. We will make over \$500,000 in painful reductions for next school year. If these renewal proposals are not approved, the spending reductions needed for just next year climb to almost \$2 million. Passage of these renewal proposals will prevent the very serious challenges we face from becoming much worse.

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