

Macomb Township voters to consider primary candidates, ballot proposals

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MACOMB TOWNSHIP — In the *Macomb Township Chronicle's* coverage area, voters will select candidates for various offices in federal, county and state primary elections on Aug. 6. Macomb Township residents are being asked to consider a millage to fund the township's Fire Department, and a proposed operating millage renewal is on the ballot for voters in the Chippewa Valley Schools district.

Candidates were asked, in 75 words or fewer, to state their top goal(s) if elected. If a candidate went over the word limit, (...) replaces the rest of the answer. (I) indicates the candidate is an incumbent. The answers are printed verbatim except where material is omitted due to personal attacks or items we know to be false or that are blatant misrepresentations.

Candidates running unopposed during the primary election appear listed by name and party only. Those candidates will be afforded an opportunity to submit a full candidate profile prior to the general election in November.

Ballot proposals listed below mirror the language on file with county elections officials.

Chippewa Valley Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal would renew and restore the authority of the School District to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18 mills on all property, except principal residences (owner occupied homes) and other property exempt by law, for general operating purposes, which currently expires with the School District's 2024 tax levy and allow the School District to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18 mills in the event of future Headlee rollbacks of up to 1 mill. This authorization will allow the School District to continue to receive revenues at the full per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State.

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residences and other property exempted by law, situated within the Chippewa Valley Schools, County of Macomb, Michigan, be increased in the amount of 19 mills with 18 mills being the maximum allowable annual levy (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of ten (10) years, 2025 to 2034, inclusive? This operating millage if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of \$16,500,000 during the 2025 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.