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CALEDONIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER



Remember
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★ Tuesday, May 6, 2025 ★

**ELECTION DAY POLLS OPEN
7 A.M. - 8 P.M.**

2025

Caledonia Community Schools

**Non-Homestead
Millage Renewal**

Breaking Down the Non-Homestead Operating Millage

DID YOU KNOW?

On **May 6, 2025**, Caledonia Community Schools will ask voters to consider a Non-Homestead Operating Millage Renewal.

What properties are affected?

- ✓ Businesses
- ✓ Industrial properties
- ✓ Second homes
- ✓ Rental properties

This does **NOT** impact taxes on **primary residences or qualifying agricultural property.**



HOW ARE NON-HOMESTEAD FUNDS USED?



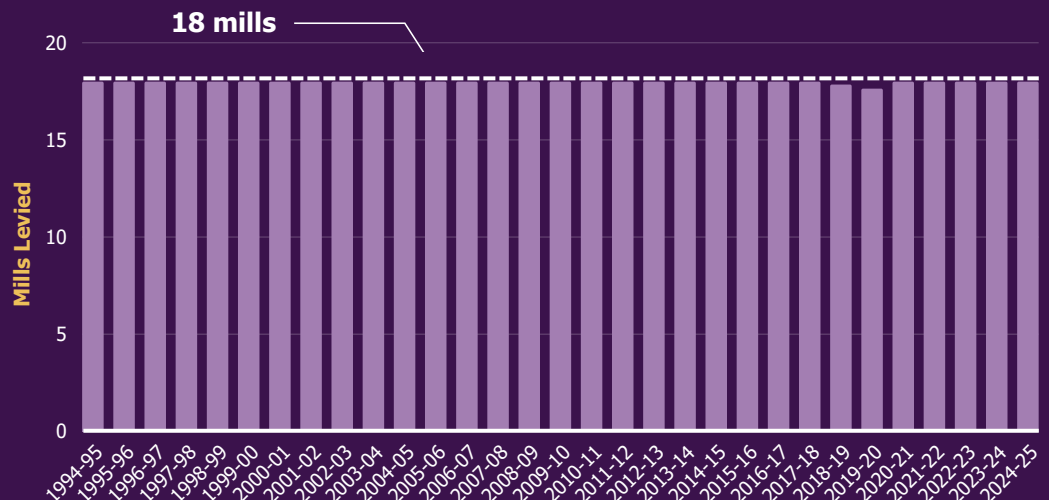
Non-Homestead millage funds go directly to the operating budget to pay for **STUDENT** programs, **STAFFING**, school **SAFETY**, and essential services.

IS THIS SOMETHING NEW?

This process dates back to 1994 when Proposal A took effect.

Voters are being asked to continue allowing the district to **levy the required 18 mills.**

CCS Non-Homestead Millage Levied 1994-2025



Breaking Down the Non-Homestead Operating Millage

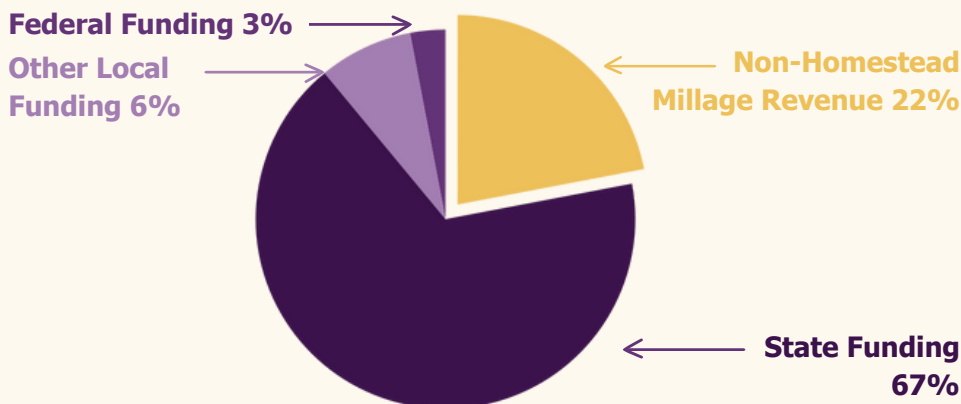
WHAT HAPPENS IF THE PROPOSAL FAILS?

1 Caledonia Community Schools would lose over \$15.6 million of our \$70.7 million in operating revenue.

2 This equates to approximately 22% of the district's General Fund operating budget.

3 Drastic cuts to student programs, staffing, and essential services would be required.

TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE



This millage is critical to maintaining the quality of education and opportunities for our students.

WHY ASK FOR AN ADDITIONAL 0.5 MILL?

- When property values rise faster than inflation, state law (the Headlee Amendment) **automatically reduces the Non-Homestead Millage**—this is called a Headlee rollback.
- Property values have risen faster than inflation in **six out of the last seven years** in Caledonia, lowering the amount our district can collect.
- In 2019, voters approved having an **extra 1.8 mills** as a cushion against this revenue loss.
- **More than half of that cushion is already being used** due to continued Headlee rollbacks.
- At the current pace, the **rest will be used within five years**.
- This proposal includes an **additional 0.5 mills** to extend our cushion and **protect against** future rollbacks.
- **Important:** The district can NEVER collect more than 18 mills. This is just a safeguard to keep us from falling below what we're required to collect to get full funding.

LEARN MORE:

Curious about the upcoming
CCS Non-Homestead Operating
Millage Renewal?

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR:

- quick facts
- community conversation dates
- downloadable handouts
- polling information
- and more!

 [www.calschools.org/
non-homestead](http://www.calschools.org/non-homestead)

Join Us!

Topics

- Non-Homestead Millage Renewal
- May Ballot
- Q&A Session

UPCOMING Community CONVERSATIONS

April 22

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Caledonia Resource Center
(New Cal Community Center)
9757 Kraft Ave SE

April 29

6:00 - 7:00 pm

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