



# MUSKEGON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

On November 6, 2012, when voters in Muskegon Heights Public School District go to the polls to cast their vote for the President of the United States, they will also vote on an Operating Millage Renewal for Muskegon Heights Public Schools.

I am hosting a special public forum on **Thursday, October 11, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Muskegon Heights High School Waters Performing Arts Center to explain the details of this millage renewal.

Today's reality for those who live in the City of Muskegon Heights boils down to this:

MHPS' debt of over \$16 million still exists. There are two ways to pay off this debt:

1) The **commercial property owners** and **non-residential property owners** pay the debt off with a renewal of the current 18 mills of Non-Homestead Property Tax.

**OR**

2) The **home owners** who live in the City of Muskegon Heights will have a special tax added to their current taxes based on the State's repayment plan. Taxes will increase significantly for all home owners, commercial property owners, and non-residential property owners.

I have included some frequently asked questions and answers attached to this letter. Please join me on Thursday to learn more and ask any questions you may have.

Please invite others in the community to this meeting as well.

The outcome of this millage will change the future of Muskegon Heights forever.

Sincerely,

Donald Weatherspoon  
Emergency Financial Manager  
Muskegon Heights Public Schools

Attachment: *Frequently Asked Questions and Answers on MHPS Millage November 6*