



Northview Public Schools
Office of the Superintendent
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Dear Northview Family,

As your superintendent, I want to personally share with you, our Northview families and parents, the **Strong Schools, Strong Communities** millage proposal that will be on the ballot on May 2, 2017.

What is the **Strong Schools, Strong Communities** Millage proposal? It is an effort to establish a stable, reliable source of funding for local school districts, including Northview. Voters will be asked to approve a 0.9 millage for 10 years which will cost the average homeowner approximately \$6.70 per month. Every parent can agree that it is critical to provide our kids with a high-quality education and this proposal will ensure our students continue to have the opportunity to learn, achieve and become college and career ready.

Many of you are aware that school districts across West Michigan, including Northview, have taken steps to tighten their belts, find efficiencies, cut costs, reduce staff and consolidate services. Despite these efforts, too many local school districts and communities continue to struggle to provide the quality education our students deserve.

How did the **Strong Schools, Strong Communities** proposal come about? All 20 school districts within the Kent Intermediate School District made a formal request to the Kent ISD to place the **Strong Schools, Strong Communities** proposal on the May 2, 2017 ballot.

What happens if the **Strong Schools, Strong Communities** proposal is approved on May 2? All millage dollars will be collected by Kent ISD and distributed equally on a per pupil basis to each local school district. By law, every penny generated from this proposal will be used by school districts, including Northview, to maintain existing programs and improve services offered to students. All spending will be publicly disclosed on a website and independent audits will be performed to ensure transparency and accountability.

Please see the attached Frequently Asked Questions document for additional information regarding **Strong Schools, Strong Communities**. Over the next several weeks, you will see and hear more about the **Strong Schools, Strong Communities** proposal in the Northview News and online at nvps.net. Thank you for all that you do for our kids and community, and please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, concerns or thoughts.

To the Continued Success of Our Students,

Scott Korpak, Ed.D.

Attachment