

Chippewa Valley millage renewal approved

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Voters approved an operating millage renewal for Chippewa Valley Schools on Nov. 4, which will allow the school district to retain \$11.5 million in school funding.

The proposal was regarding an 18 mill non-homestead millage. The millage proposal was for a tax levy on businesses, industry and commercial property, rental properties and second homes in the district. The millage represented \$11.5 million, or about 8 percent of the district's budget each year.

The millage approved on Nov. 4 is for a 10-year period. It was approved by 68.3 percent of voters, with 31.7 percent voting against the millage, according to unofficial results from the elections department of the Macomb County Clerk's Office.

The millage was previously renewed in Chippewa Valley in 2006 and was getting ready to expire at the end of the year. Every Michigan school district levies the same 18 mills in order to collect their full per-pupil funding from the state, according to information presented by Chippewa Valley Schools Director of School and Community Relations Diane Blain on Sept. 8.

Macomb Township voters also had the opportunity to select board of education members in the L'Anse Creuse and Chippewa Valley school districts on Nov. 4.

In the Chippewa Valley School District, two six-year terms were available, as well as one partial term ending Dec. 31, 2016. Candidates for the two six-year terms included Grace Caporuscio, Laura Cardamone, Angelo Massimo Selva and incumbent Andrew Patzert.

According to unofficial results from the Macomb County Clerk's Office, Cardamone earned 32.6 percent of the votes; Patzert earned 25.1 percent; Caporuscio earned 24.6 percent, and Selva earned 17.7 percent.

Candidates for the one partial term were Euel Kinsey and Jill DeMuyneck Zech. Zech earned 71.3 percent of the votes and Kinsey earned 28.7 percent, according to unofficial results from the Macomb County Clerk's Office.

In the L'Anse Creuse Public School District, there were two six-year seats open and two four-year seats.

Candidates for the six-year seats were incumbents Pamela Hornberger and Donald Hubler, as well as challenger Steven Maul. Hornberger had 40.6 percent of the vote, Hubler 30.4 percent of the vote and Maul 29.0 percent of the vote, according to unofficial results from the Macomb County Clerk's Office.

Candidates for the four-year seats were incumbents Charles Eslinger and Linda McLatcher, as well as challengers Jeff Klenner, Jackie Sage-Phillips, Amy Servial and Abu Young. McLatcher had 22.8 percent of the vote; Servial earned 22.3 percent; Eslinger earned 17.7 percent; Sage-Phillips had 16.4 percent; Klenner earned 13.4 percent, and Young earned 7.5 percent, according to the results.

In Macomb Township, 48.3 percent of registered voters cast a ballot in the Nov. 4 election, according to voter turnout information from the Macomb County Clerk's Office elections department.

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