

CASD Bus and Facility Millage Question

This proposal will increase the levy by our local school district by 0.3 mills. After four years, the local millage is scheduled to drop 1.01 mills. The term of the debt will *not* increase.

Shall the Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Million Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$2,990,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, for the purpose of:

purchasing school buses; acquiring, installing, and equipping educational technology for, and related remodeling to, Grayling Elementary-AuSable Primary building, Grayling Middle School and Grayling High School; erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to, and partially remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, equipping and re-equipping the Grayling Elementary-AuSable Primary building; and developing and improving sites?

—> YES

—> NO

Background Information

- ◆ CASD covers 520 square miles.
- ◆ Student technology is needed for a continued first-rate education.
- ◆ Consolidating offices and buildings saves operating costs as funding goes down.
- ◆ Better facilities allow us to continue to bring events to our communities.
- ◆ We can keep our schools GREAT!

Crawford AuSable School District (CASD) *Quality Schools for Quality Communities*

- ◆ CASD schools have a quality education program.
- ◆ All CASD MEAP schools are rated as “A” schools by the Michigan Department of Education.
- ◆ CASD schools are rated the highest in the area by the State’s Top-to-Bottom ranking of all 4,000 state schools.
- ◆ CASD schools are the 2nd largest employer in Crawford County.
- ◆ The State Legislature greatly reduced school funding.
- ◆ CASD has lost over 1.2 million dollars of funding.
- ◆ The Bus and Facility Bond will improve facilities and maintain current facilities.
- ◆ The Bus and Facility Bond will save CASD operating dollars to help the classrooms.
- ◆ Our school funding is the 2nd lowest in the State based on local and state funding.
- ◆ CASD can reduce expenditures through consolidation of services as well as maintain great facilities, continue bussing, and provide our students with technology for a great education.

Crawford AuSable School District

ELECTION
February 28, 2012

**Guide to understanding the
Crawford AuSable School
District (CASD)**

Bus and Facility Bond



Growing to...GREATNESS!!!

Crawford AuSable School District
(CASD)

This helps ALL students!

This is a local issue only and *all* of the funds go directly to our communities' schools here in Crawford County.

- ◆ Purchase six buses to cover five years.
- ◆ Student technology to continue the great education for OUR students.
- ◆ Provides a band room and stage for elementary band. Creates a multi-functioning room out of the existing cafeteria for lots of activities.
- ◆ Replaces two boilers with high efficient boilers to save energy and dollars.
- ◆ Make one office; combine Grayling El and AuSable Primary with one entrance, provides enclosed parent waiting area, add parent parking and expand cafeteria to make a multi-purpose room.
- ◆ Allows us to bring in more events to the community.
- ◆ Provides separate bus and parent traffic to increase student safety.
- ◆ Repair/repave parking lots in need.

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Community Partnerships

- ◆ Devereaux County Library would like to be able to expand to the south onto school property which houses the Grayling CO-OP preschool.
- ◆ If this millage passes, the school will sell the CO-OP property to the Library and will house the CO-OP. This will save the CO-OP funds and provide more opportunities for parents and future students.
- ◆ CASD will coordinate with the Crawford County Road Commission on paving projects to save funds in Crawford County.

The Facts

- ◆ The Michigan Legislature greatly reduced school funding. CASD has lost over 1.2 million dollars funding this year alone.
- ◆ Although the COOR ISD passed in our district, it failed overall.
- ◆ This tax increase costs about 1/10th of the COOR ISD millage that did not pass.
- ◆ The millage would be increased 0.3 mills for four years (4.9 mills to 5.2 mills). The millage will then be scheduled to drop 1.01 mills.

School District Funding

- ◆ Proposal A of 1994 changed the way schools are funded mainly by reducing homestead property taxes for property owners. Schools are funded by State and Federal funding and by local ISD millages.
- ◆ The State Legislature determines school funding through the State.
- ◆ Since the COOR ISD millage failed across the four counties, the six COOR ISD local schools have the 2nd lowest funding in the State.

Cost to the Community

- ◆ Current millage = 4.9 mills
- ◆ Requested millage = 5.2 mills for four years, then a scheduled decrease of 1.01 mills to 4.19 mills.
- ◆ Increase of 0.3 mills for four years, then decrease of 1.01 mills.
- ◆ Cost of a \$100,000 house with a \$50,000 assessed value
 - increase of taxes currently paid of **\$15 per year** for four years to total \$60 before taxes decline.
 - millage decrease of 1.01 mills after four years which equals a tax decline of **\$50 per year**.

Please Vote
Tuesday, February 28