

SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE

INFORMATION

↓ ELECTION INFORMATION

- The Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District (DIISD) is requesting a millage increase of .5 Mills for Special Education in Dickinson and Iron Counties.
- The average household in Dickinson and Iron counties, which has an assessed value of \$82,000 (a taxable value of \$41,000), would have an increase of \$21.50 per year.
- The Millage increase would be for 10 years, starting in 2016 and running through 2025.
- The millage needs a majority of voters to pass.
- The election will take place on Tuesday, March 8, 2016.
- All registered voters who live in Dickinson and Iron Counties can vote on this proposal.
- Voters would vote at the same precinct as in all regular elections.
- Polls will be open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. If you are unable to vote in person, absentee ballots are available.

↓ FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- The proposed millage would generate approximately \$744,436 annually.
- Our local schools used \$4,102,787 from their general fund for special education last year.
- DIISD currently receives .9826 Mills for Special Education. There are 56 Intermediate School Districts (ISD) within Michigan, only 5 ISDs in the State receive less funding for Special Education than DIISD. The highest ISD millage for special education is 6.2764 mills, with the average ISD receiving 2.619 mills. If approved, DIISD would receive 1.4268 mills for Special Education and still rank 49th lowest of the 56 ISD for funding.

↓ EDUCATION INFORMATION

- DIISD serves over 5,000 students; approximately **1 in 7 (857)** students receive some sort of special education service. Most of these students receive help overcoming learning disabilities, speech or language impairments, and some have to cope with more severe physical, cognitive or emotional problems.
- DIISD has seen local autism rates **nearly double** from 2012 to 2015 – currently 6.3% of special education students have been identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder and needing more classroom assistance. Early intervention and transition is critical for optimal school success.
- Michigan serves special education students up to the age of 26.
- Most of these students are enrolled in public schools within Dickinson and Iron Counties. Some attend parochial schools and a few are registered home school students. The new millage dollars would be allocated to school systems in the DIISD area based on special education needs.
- State and Federal funding has not kept pace with increased costs, which means that special education funding must come from a voter-approved millage, or local school district general fund budgets, thereby reducing funding available for general education programs for all students. This renewal would help maintain programs for students with special needs, leaving more funds in the schools' general operating budgets to provide services for **all students**.

↓ STATE FUNDING INFORMATION

- State law require special education programs for qualified students. However, Michigan provides the same foundation allowance (\$7,391/pupil) for all students regardless of additional special needs. These additional costs come from the local school's general fund.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

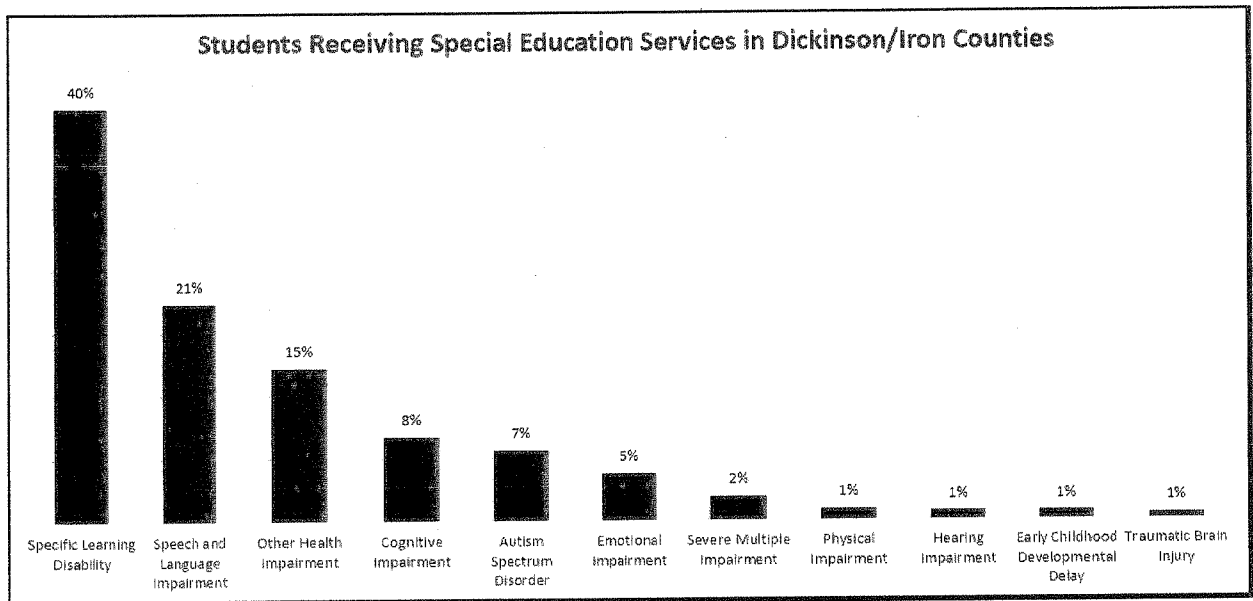
⌵ Schools served within Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District

- Breitung Township Schools
- Forest Park Schools
- Iron Mountain Public Schools
- North Dickinson County School
- Norway Vulcan Area Schools
- West Iron County Schools
- Bishop Baraga Catholic School
- Holy Spirit Central School
- Pine Mountain Christian School
- Home Bound Students
- Home School Students

⌵ What does the millage support?

- Prevention of early learning failure
- Programs supporting high expectation for all students
- Special education and general education students learning together
- Transition support from school to college, work and adult-life activities

⌵ Chart of special education needs within our counties



⌵ Chart for millage increase based on assessed value of home

ASSESSED HOME VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE (1/2)	ANNUAL MILLAGE INCREASE
\$50,000	\$25,000	\$12.50
\$75,000	\$37,500	\$18.75
\$82,000	\$41,000	\$20.50
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$25.00
\$150,000	\$75,000	\$37.50
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$50

Special Education Millage

Anticipated Revenue \$ 744,436.00

	2015 SE Cost
Breitung	\$ 1,436,978.00
Forest Park	\$ 384,660.00
Iron Mountain	\$ 713,092.00
North Dickinson	\$ 208,824.00
Norway-Vulcan	\$ 504,735.00
West Iron	\$ 854,498.00
Total	\$ 4,102,787.00

	Breitung	Forest Park	Iron Mountain	North Dickinson	Norway-Vulcan	West Iron	DIISD	Total
% of Local Special Education Students in DIISD	38.60%	9.50%	15.20%	4.40%	10.90%	21.40%		
Add'l Millage Revenue	\$ 142,808.65	\$ 35,147.21	\$ 56,235.53	\$ 16,278.71	\$ 40,326.80	\$ 79,173.71	\$ 86,465.40	\$ 456,436.00
Intervention/MTSS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 120,000.00
Reduced Expense (CI Chargebacks)	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 15,750.00	\$ 34,125.00	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 31,500.00		\$ 168,000.00
Total Increase	\$ 204,809.04	\$ 70,897.30	\$ 110,360.68	\$ 38,903.75	\$ 102,326.90	\$ 130,673.92	\$ 86,465.40	\$ 744,436.00

The revenue distribution will be adjusted annually according to the Special Education Head Count for each year.