2020 Allegan Area Educational Service Agency Headlee Restoration FAQs

How many proposals will be on the August 4 ballot?
There will be three proposals, one for the operating fund, one for special education, and one for technical education. Voters need to vote on each proposal separately.

What are the three proposals?
Proposal I: Operating Millage - This proposal will allow the intermediate school district to restore its allocated millage to the full amount previously allocated for operating purposes. This will be an adjustment of 0.0262 mills to return to the voter approved amount of 0.14 mills. The period covered is 2020 to 2034. This millage supports local districts in Allegan County with AAESA consultants in math, science, and literacy.

Proposal II: Special Education - This proposal requests additional millage to permit the continued levy by the intermediate school district of the maximum mills for special education previously approved by the electors. This will be an adjustment of 0.0448 mills to return to the voter approved amount of 3.05 mills. The period covered is 2020 to 2034. These funds flow to local school districts to assist in offsetting the districts state mandated, unreimbursed special education costs.

Proposal III: Career and Technical Education - This proposal requests additional millage to permit the continued levy by the intermediate school district of the maximum mills for area career and technical education previously approved by the electors. This will be an adjustment of 0.0262 mills to return to the voter approved amount of 1.78 mills. The period covered is 2020 to 2034. These funds support the programs AAESA offers to at no charge to local districts (i.e. the Allegan Technical and Education Center).

What is the total restoration amount?
If all three proposals pass the total millage adjustment would be 0.0972 mills. For a $100,000 home the annual amount would be $486, or 41 cents per month. The millage would generate an additional $301,410 annually to support the students of Allegan County.

Why are additional operating fund dollars needed?
AAESA provides quality education and programming support to the local school districts of Allegan County. There are 14,000 students in the AAESA service area. The operating funds help ensure that math, science and literacy consultants are available to provide services to the local districts and their students.
Why are additional dollars needed for special education?

All qualifying students need and deserve high quality services. In addition, special education programs are mandated at the state and federal level. However, the federal government has failed to meet its funding promise. Also, the state has imposed mandates beyond the requirement of the federal government. There are simply not enough state and federal special education dollars alone for AAESA and the local districts to provide mandated, high quality programs and services. In order to satisfy the mandates, AAESA and our local districts currently are forced to supplement with monies from the general fund to provide these services, taking away potential programs and services from other parts of the districts.

Why are additional dollars needed for career and technical education?

Because of the continually changing landscape of employment in Michigan, the Allegan County Area Technical and Education Center (ACATEC) must remain flexible and have the ability to add new programs as demands for skilled employees from business and industry increase. Students must be prepared for careers that exist now and in the future. Changes in technology and equipment are expensive, yet vital. Adding new programs is very costly.

Students in many ACATEC programs are able to earn college credit while enrolled. Additional dollars will help ensure that ACATEC is able to continue to pay for the tuition, books and supplies for these students. Also, this revenue could help offset part of the transportation costs that local districts pay in transporting students to ACATEC. It would also give us the flexibility to add new programs in a timely manner.

Do all three proposals need to pass for AAESA to receive funds?

Each proposal is independent. This means that they could all pass, all fail, one could pass and two fail, or two pass and one fail. The $301,410 total restoration is based on all three proposals passing. Likewise, the $4.86 annual cost for a $100,000 home is based on all three proposals passing.

I want to vote absentee, but I didn't receive a ballot.

If you did not receive an absentee ballot and would like to vote by mail please go to [https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/](https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/) and click on the Get an Application link near the top of the screen.

What if I’m not registered to vote?

To check to see if you are registered to vote, or to register, go to [https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/](https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/) and select from the menu on the left side of the screen.