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Non-Homestead Millage Proposal on November Ballot

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The ballot request is a renewal of the existing 18 mill non-homestead millage, plus an additional 1 mill as a precautionary measure to keep the district’s revenue whole in the rare event of a Headlee rollback. The 18 mill levy generates approximately $29 million in local revenue to support the operations of Grand Rapids Public Schools.

This is not a tax increase because state law limits the maximum levy to no more than 13 mills. The additional 1 mill would only be used in the event that a Headlee rollback would kick in and potentially disrupt the revenue stream.

In the event of a Headlee rollback, all or a portion of the additional 1 mill would then be used to “fill the gap” to maintain the levy at or as close to the 18 mill rate as possible.

GRPS is following the lead of many other local districts who have approved similar measures as purely a precautionary measure. Other districts with additional non-homestead millages above the 18 mill include Kentwood Public Schools, East Grand Rapids Public Schools, Godfrey Lee Public Schools, Comstock Park Public Schools, and Kelloggsville Public Schools.

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GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Early Childhood Programs

Do you have a child who will turn:

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The district's program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. However, it uses various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

Parents/guardians will receive advanced notice of the application of a pesticide, other than bait or gel formulations, at their child's school. This advance notice, required by law, will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires the District to notify parents/guardians by using two methods. The first method is the posting at entrances to schools. The entrances that will be posted are those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot. The second method is the posting in a common area, located near the main office of the school.

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In an emergency (for example, bees nest), pesticides may be applied without prior notice. However, parents will be provided notice following any such application.

A review of the District's IPM program or pesticide application records for schools can be done by contacting the District's Manager of Operations at 616.819.3040 or finn@grps.k12.mi.us. This telephone number or e-mail may also be used when school is not in regular session.

Grand Rapids Youth Commission To Work On Youth Master Plan

The new Grand Rapids Youth Commission consists of 25 outstanding seventh through twelfth grade students who are all residents of Grand Rapids. This spring, they competed against 114 applicants to participate in an 18-month long paid leadership and Youth Master Plan project that began in June 2008 and will end in December 2009.

This Youth Commission will help to develop and administer a needs assessment survey and teen profile for the Youth Master Plan, create an on-line interactive resource website for youth, and participate in job and leadership training.

For more information, contact:
Our Community's Children
616.456.3558
sharris@grcity.us

Pictured (above): Several members of the Grand Rapids Youth Commission. The Commission, which will help to develop and administer a needs assessment survey and teen profile for a Youth Master Plan, consists of 25 seventh through twelfth grade students who are residents of Grand Rapids.

Our children need us. Let's make sure they're our #1 priority.

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Fall 2007 Class Schedule
Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)

Michigan approved Nurse Aide Training will prepare students to become registered in the State of Michigan as a nursing assistant. Class will be held four days a week, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. for four weeks. The cost of this program is $549. A minimum payment of $249 is due at time of registration. A limited number of scholarships may be available to those who qualify. Attendance at an orientation is required. Beginning dates are as follows:

- Session I — September 10, 2007
- Session II — October 8, 2007
- Session III — October 9, 2007*
- Session IV — November 5, 2007

*Evening Sessions: Tuesday & Thursday; 3:30-9:15 p.m.; 8 weeks

Orientation Dates:
Orientation is mandatory and will take approximately two hours. Enrollment in any CNA class is available at the completion of orientation, with a deposit of $249.

Orientation Schedule
Room 101 • 10:00 a.m.
August 29, 2007 September 4, 2007
September 19, 2007 September 25, 2007
October 17, 2007 October 23, 2007
October 30, 2007

Room 101 • 4:00 p.m.
September 24, 2007

All classes are held at
Beckwith School
2405 Leonard, N.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505
(616) 819-2121

Pictured (above): Several Union High School students receiving an autograph from Christopher Gardner at the Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) Annual Conference held on April 25 at DeVos Place. Mr. Gardner, the Owner/CEO of Christopher Gardner International Holdings, was the keynote speaker at the conference. The recent hit movie "The Pursuit of Happiness" was based on his life story as an up and rising stockbroker. Mr. Gardner, who was once homeless, is now a multimillionaire. Will Smith received an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of Mr. Gardner in the movie.

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Looking for help to keep your child’s math and reading skills up for the summer?

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Students complete one lesson a week and mail it in to the GRASP scoring center. Experienced staff members grade and record the lessons and return the results to the students. Students earn medals and certificates for their efforts.

Elementary students will receive enrollment forms in April from their school. Interested parents may also purchase packets for their children during Open Enrollment Week, June 6-8, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the GRASP Office. The office is now located at Shawmut Hills Elementary School (2550 Burritt, NW).

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Pictured (above): Summer school students at Southwest Community Campus during a health celebration held during the week of July 10. The main attraction was a Health Celebration Gallery in which middle school students informed K-5 students about healthy choices. The celebration also included dental, vision and hearing checks by the Kent County Health Department.

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August 2005 31
Let's make friends on Wednesday, August 25!

The Grand Rapids Public Schools will hold its Third Annual

FRIENDRAISING WALK

Wednesday, August 25

5:00-7:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, August 25, teachers, principals, staff members, parents and students will go door-to-door throughout Grand Rapids to introduce themselves and tell our community about the good things happening in the Grand Rapids Public Schools for 2004-2005.

There is a lot going on in our schools as we work together—to become stronger and better, together!—and become the new Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Find out more about the 2004 FRIENDRAISING WALK by calling the GRPS Communications Office at 819-2149 or check us out at www.grps.k12.mi.us

(And remember, school starts Tuesday, August 31—full day!)

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The Grand Rapids Public Schools
BOND ELECTION
will be held on
TUESDAY,
MARCH 31, 1998
Polls are open
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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BOND?
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Grand Rapids Public Schools HIGHLIGHTS March 1998
Wondering “weather” or not there is school?

Did you wake up wondering whether to send your child off to school on the bus or on a dog sled? Winter in Michigan is full of weather surprises that greet families with the dawn’s early light, leaving parents to question the wisdom of anyone venturing outdoors.

When the weather outside is frightful, tune in to any of the local radio or television stations to find out if the Grand Rapids Public Schools are in session. The superintendent and his staff make every effort to make a decision and notify the media by 6:00 a.m.

Parents may choose to keep their child home on days when they feel weather conditions are unsafe, yet school is open. On those days, they should call school to report their child as absent.

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Happy Holidays!

If nothing else, the 1993-94 school year has proven to be a very busy one for the Grand Rapids Public Schools. Thank you for all your hard work on behalf of our students. I hope that each of you has the opportunity to enjoy a safe and happy holiday with your families and friends! - Jeff Grotsky

Holiday hours

Work hours during the holiday period will be changed effective Monday, December 20 through Wednesday, December 29. All office personnel who normally work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with one hour for lunch will begin at 7:30 a.m., have a half-hour for lunch and leave at 4 p.m. Maintenance, Operations and Supply employees will have the flexibility to begin at 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. with a half hour lunch period (no change).

Holiday paychecks

Pay checks that are normally in the buildings on payday will be available for pick up in the auditorium of the Franklin Campus between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 29. Any check not picked up on Wednesday, December 29 will be sent to the appropriate building on Monday, January 3, 1994 via regular interschool mail delivery. If the check is normally mailed, it will be mailed on Tuesday, December 28. If the check normally goes to a financial institution, it will be active on Wednesday, December 29.

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Stone soup, anyone?

Third and fourth grade students from Vandenberg Creative Arts Academy will present the Russian fable “Stone Soup” at the Ladies Literary Club, 61 Sheldon Blvd. SE, on Sunday, November 21 at 4 p.m. Vandenberg teachers Barbara Wisse and Eva Switek will direct the production. Admission is a non-perishable food item or monetary donation for the homeless and needy of the Grand Rapids community.

Thanksgiving Run to benefit GRPS Athletes

The Second Annual Thanksgiving Day Run to support Grand Rapids Public Schools Athletics will be held Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25 at 8:30 a.m. at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Thanksgiving event is a 5K Run/Walk and is expected to attract at least 1000 runners and walkers from across the state. All proceeds from entry fees, as well as pledges raised by the participating runners, will go toward the elimination of a pay-to-participate program in the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Over the last several years, the Grand Rapids Public Schools experienced financial cutbacks that forced the district to initiate a program to charge student athletes. Unfortunately, community fundraising efforts such as the Thanksgiving Day Walk, the Corporate Charity Jam, and the Adopt-An-Athlete program have provided the funding necessary to allow the district to postpone enacting pay-to-participate in the schools.

The Thanksgiving 5K Run/Walk will start and finish at Riverside Park (north of Knapp and Monroe Ave., south of North Park bridge). This certified single loop 5K course is considered by run organizers to be flat and fast.

Entries will be accepted at Central, Creston, Ottawa or Union High schools in Grand Rapids as well as at the Grand Rapids Public Schools Athletics Office, 1331 Franklin SE. The fee is $10 through November 23 ($15 for late entry). Registration is free for any runner who collects a minimum of $25 in pledges.

Call the Grand Rapids Public Schools Athletics Office at (616) 771-2010 for more information.

CALENDAR

Conferences ... Nov. 9–11
No School .........Nov. 12
Thanksgiving
Holiday .........Nov. 25–26
Winter
Vacation ......Dec. 20–31
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Formal Sale

The Ottawa Hills High School Parent/Teacher/Student Association (PTSA) and the OHHS Building Improvement Team is planning a second hand formal sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 16 at the school. "Memories for Sale" will feature donated or consignment dresses. Dresses must be dropped off prior to the event. Call 245-3587 or 243-6603 for more information.

My Fair Lady

The Creston High School Music Department will present the musical "My Fair Lady" at 8 p.m. on March 14-16 at the school. Tickets are $4.50 per person. The Saturday, March 16, performance offers a "dinner and show" package for $15 (must be purchased prior to March 8.) Profits from "My Fair Lady" will go toward the $35,000 the Creston band needs to raise to attend the All-American Music Festival Competition in Orlando, Florida on May 9-13. For more information, call the school at 771-2447.
Visitors

Teachers from Omihachiman, Japan visited Sibley Elementary School in early October. Omihachiman is Grand Rapids' "sister city". The teachers were at the school at the invitation of Sibley teacher Sue Raulerson. Raulerson served as a member of the 1991 Goodwill Mission from Grand Rapids to Japan this past summer.

Principals Learn CPR

(L-R) Dickinson Elementary Principal Rondy Brown and Burton Elementary Principal Marti Hernandez were two of 27 principals who volunteered to take part in CPR training during the summer months. The training was provided by the Mercy Ambulance Company.

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PTA

Child Care

The YWCA operates a before and after school program for children ages 6-13 at three Grand Rapids Public Schools' sites: Alger Elementary School, Fountain Elementary School, and Ottawa Hills Elementary School. The morning hours are from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. and the afternoon hours are from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. The centers are open Monday through Friday during the school year. There is a fee involved and enrollment is limited. Call 459-4681 for more information.

Child Care

JC Bazaar

The Grand Rapids Junior College Alumni Association is sponsoring its fourth annual holiday bazaar on Saturday, December 2. Holiday Bazaar '89 will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Gerald R. Ford Fieldhouse. The bazaar features over 60 exhibitors with free admission and parking. Door prizes will also be awarded with all proceeds benefiting the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

JC Bazaar

RIF Brunch

Charley's Crab Restaurant, 63 Market S.W., is hosting two special Saturday brunches to benefit the Grand Rapids Public School's Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program. RIF buys books for children in order to encourage personal reading at home. The brunches are scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28 and Saturday, November 4. Tickets are $7.50 for adults and $4.00 for children. They are available at any GRPS elementary school or at the door.

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