

Charlotte Public Schools
BALLOT PROPOSAL AT A GLANCE
FOR THE ANNUAL MAY 8, 2007 ELECTION

REASON FOR REQUEST

- To maintain the funding that voters have already approved – **THERE WILL BE NO COST INCREASE TO HOMEOWNERS**
- To get **full per student operational dollars** (\$7,085 estimate) that the state authorizes under Proposal A
- If this election is not successful, the district may lose approximately \$58,000 of funding due to a Headlee rollback in future years

THE PROBLEM

- The 18 mills approved by voters in 2006 for non-homestead property faces exposure to be rolled back resulting in a loss of school funding from a potential Headlee rollback.
- The rollbacks occur because of Proposal A's impact on the Headlee law when properties are sold and the assessed value is increased.
- This vote is requested to **allow the district to continue to collect the full 18 mills which voters approved in 2006** on non-homestead property such as apartment buildings, rental homes, vacation properties, some vacant land, and commercial/industrial properties.

THE PROPOSAL

- At the May 8 annual school election school district voters will be asked to vote on an increase of 2 mills on non-homestead properties for 5 years -- *(although the ballot language uses the word INCREASE, it is actually RESTORING millage from a decreased millage rate when a roll back occurs).*
- If passed, the district will levy only that portion of the 2 mill requested when a Headlee rollback occurs and there is a need to restore the total rate to 18 mills for non-homestead property – which is the maximum allowable by law. The total operating rate is capped and cannot go higher than 18 mills.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

- **A SUCCESSFUL VOTE WILL RESULT IN NO COST INCREASE TO HOMEOWNERS.**
- The first year impact on non-homestead property including apartment buildings, rental homes, vacation properties, some vacant land, and commercial/industrial property will be that they pay the same tax rate, 18 mills, as was in place since 2003.

ELECTION INFORMATION

Date: May 8, 2007

**Poll Location: All voters at Charlotte High School,
except residents of Oneida, Windsor, and Roxand Townships**

Polls Open: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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