

Tawas Area Schools, Iosco and Arenac Counties, Michigan (the "District")

A regular meeting of the board of education of the District (the "Board") was held in the boardroom at the administration office, within the boundaries of the District, on the 14th day of August, 2023, at 7:00 o'clock in the p.m. (the "Meeting").

The Meeting was called to order by Jennifer Bruning, Vice President.

Present: Members Edmonds, Ulman, Butzin, Jenkins, Bruning

Absent: Members Lentz, Klenow

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Ulman  
and supported by Member Butzin:

**WHEREAS:**

1. This Board intends to submit a proposition at a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

2. On or before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, the Board shall certify any ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters at such election to the election coordinator or coordinators designated to conduct elections within the District (the "Election Coordinator").

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. A special election of the school electors of the District be called and held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

2. The proposition to be voted on at the special election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit A.

3. The Election Coordinator is requested to:

- a. Utilize Iosco County News-Herald, a newspaper published or of general circulation within the District, for publication of notices in accordance with the election law requirements.
- b. Utilize ballot proposition summary information, as prepared by legal counsel, in the forms of the notices of last day of registration and election in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto.
- c. Provide a proof copy of the ballot to the District and its legal counsel in sufficient time to allow the ballot to be proofread prior to printing.


4. The Secretary of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Election Coordinator and with any Election Clerk or clerks designated to conduct elections within the District by 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.


Ayes: Members Edmonds, Ulman, Butzin, Jenkins, Bruning

Nays: Members N/A

Resolution declared adopted.

  
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Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Tawas Area Schools, Iosco and Arenac Counties, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at the Meeting, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the Meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).

  
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Secretary, Board of Education

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## **EXHIBIT A**

### **TAWAS AREA SCHOOLS SINKING FUND MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the building and site sinking fund millage that expires with the 2024 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate of 0.4963 mill (\$0.4963 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) which may be assessed against all property in Tawas Area Schools, Iosco and Arenac Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 8 years, 2025 to 2032, inclusive, to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2025 is approximately \$300,080 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2024 tax levy)?

**EXHIBIT B**

**SUMMARY OF BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE  
NOTICES OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTION:**

**TAWAS AREA SCHOOLS  
SINKING FUND MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL  
0.4963 MILL FOR 8 YEARS**

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Tawas Area Schools, 245 West M-55, Tawas City, Michigan 48763-8210, telephone: (989) 984-2250.



# Tawas Area Schools

245 West M-55 • Tawas City, MI 48763  
John R. Klinger, Superintendent  
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August 14, 2023

Dear Community Member,

I am writing today to share factual information regarding an upcoming sinking fund millage renewal vote on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The Tawas Area School District is requesting an eight year extension of its .4963 mill sinking fund millage that has been in place since 1985.

## **Is this a new or increased tax?**

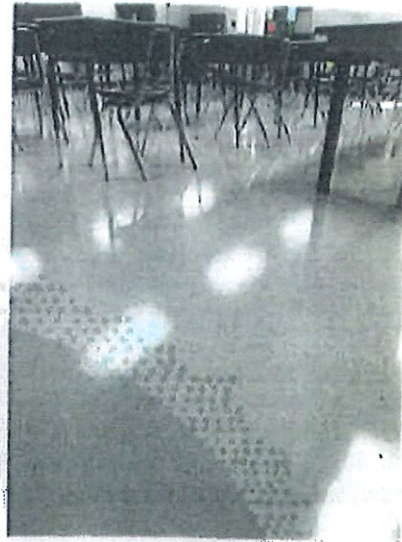
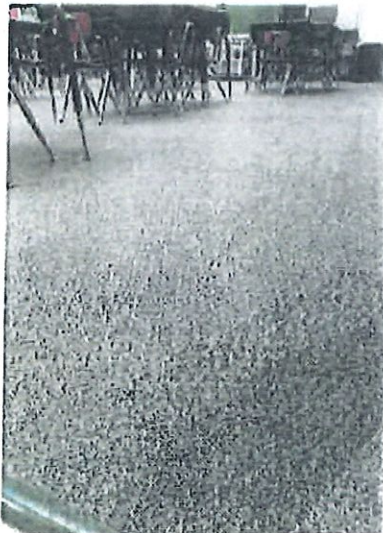
**NO.** This is a renewal of millage that is scheduled to expire with the 2024 tax levy. Tawas's voters have renewed this millage many times since 1985, and most recently in November of 2016.

## **Will the taxes on my home increase?**

**NO.** Renewing the sinking fund millage would mean Tawas Area School District would continue to levy Sinking Fund millage at the current rate to help the district support projects for our facilities. For over 35 years, the taxpayers of Tawas Area have supplemented the schools with a sinking fund millage.

## **What are the funds used for?**

The sinking fund is a restricted fund which may only be used for remodeling or repairing the district's facilities, or parts of or additions to those facilities; acquiring and improving sites for school buildings, structures, athletic facilities, playgrounds, or other facilities, as well as technology infrastructure. Although many repairs and renovations have recently been completed, some areas of the buildings and mechanical infrastructure are in need of updating. For example, Clara Bolen Elementary is already thirty-two (32) years old.

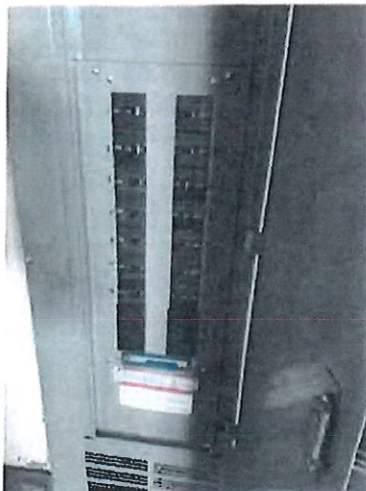


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**What projects have been completed with sinking fund revenue?**

Projects that have been done with sinking fund dollars over the last many years include: replacing unit ventilators that provide heat and fresh air exchange, new windows, new LED lighting, replace siding, parking lots, high school science lab remodel, high school restrooms updated, playground updates, roof replacements, exterior door replacement, PA systems, classroom and gymnasium flooring replacements, fencing, middle school/high school digital sign, electrical panel upgrades, bi-directional antennas for safety communication, exterior window safety protection film and caulking, new middle school/ high school ceiling tiles, door safety fobbing system upgrade.



**What future projects are being considered for sinking fund revenue?**

The district's needs assessment is an on-going process to help us identify projects that need to be done. Future projects that are under current consideration are: exterior door replacements, athletic field updates, stage and locker room updates, phone communication updates, storage buildings, window replacements, electrical panel upgrades, and classroom flooring updates.





**What is a mill?**

One (1) mill is the equivalent to \$1.00 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value. Example:  
If a residence/business has a taxable value of \$100,000, each mill would generate \$100.  
.4963 mill = \$49.63

**How much would the school collect if the renewal passed?**

The district would collect approximately \$300,080.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Please vote on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. For questions, please contact Mr. John Klinger at 989-984-2250.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mr. John Klinger".

Mr. John Klinger, Superintendent  
Tawas Area Schools

