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DATES ANNOUNCED FOR PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARINGS; RATE TO REMAIN UNCHANGED

HAMILTON, GA (JULY 18, 2023) – Three public hearings have been set by the Harris County Board of Education to announce its plans for the property tax millage rate. At the August 2023 meeting, the Board is planning to set the 2024 rate for maintenance and operations at 16.500 mills, the same rate as 2023.

Why Does the Value of a House Increase?

Each year, the Board of Tax Assessors is required to review the assessed value for property tax purposes of taxable property in the county. When the trend of prices on properties that have recently sold in the county indicates there has been an increase in the fair market value of any specific property in the county - many which have recently been sold higher than fair market value, the Board of Tax Assessors is required by law to re-determine the value of such property and increase the assessment. This is called a reassessment.

What Does the Legal Notice Mean by Increased Property Taxes?

It is worth explaining that the wording of the legal notice is required by Georgia code. The notice's reference to "increase in property taxes" refers to the fact that when the millage rate is applied to the increased property values, the taxpayers will be paying an increased amount of taxes. The school board has no influence on the increase in property values. And by reducing the millage rate, the school district hopes to reduce the impact of those increased property values on the citizens.

Citizens Invited to Public Hearings

The citizens are invited to three public hearings regarding the property tax millage rate. These hearings will be in the auditorium of the Central Office of the Harris County Board of Education, located at 132 Barnes Mill Road in Hamilton, Ga., the following dates and times:

- 10 a.m., Thursday, August 3, 2023
- 6 p.m., Thursday, August 3, 2023
- 6 p.m., Thursday, August 10, 2023

The Harris County School District is in Hamilton, Ga. For more information, visit www.harris.k12.ga.us or call (706) 628-4206.

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About the Harris County School District

Georgia's Harris County School District (HCSD) is an accredited K-12 school system based in the county seat of Hamilton, Ga. It serves 5,500+ students with four elementary schools, one intermediate school, one middle school, one high school, and one performance learning center. With a vision of "one community committed to the well-being and preparation of every student for life-long success in a global society," the HCSD strives to ensure an excellent education for

every student in Harris County. For more information, visit www.harris.k12.ga.us or follow us on Facebook or Twitter (@HCSDga).