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Houston County Board of Education Proposed Millage Increase

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education announces its intention to increase the 2025 property tax levy by 11.68 percent over the rollback millage rate.

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, 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.

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires that a rollback millage rate must be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget adopted by the Houston County Board of Education requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate by 1.226 mills. By law, this must be advertised as a property tax increase. **The proposed millage rate for 2025 of 11.719 is the same as the rate for 2024 and lower than all actual rates since 1992.** Therefore, before the Houston County Board of Education can set a final millage rate, Georgia law requires three public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase held as follows:

- August 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
- August 12, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
- August 25, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the Board of Education, 1100 Main Street, Perry, Georgia 31069.

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