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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 2022 property tax levy by 10.78 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 indicate 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 1.283 mills. By law, this must be advertised as a property tax increase. **The proposed millage rate for 2022 of 13.183 is the same as the rate for 2021, and lower than all actual rates since 2008.** 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: the first to be held at the Houston County Board of Education, 1100 Main Street, Perry, Georgia on July 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.; the second at the Houston County Board of Education, 1100 Main Street, Perry, Georgia on July 19, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.; and the third to be held at the Houston County Board of Education, 1100 Main Street, Perry, Georgia on July 28, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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