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Houston County Board of Education Proposes Full Rollback of Millage Rate *Lowest Millage Rate in More Than Three Decades*

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education is proposing a full rollback of the millage rate for the 2026 tax year, reducing the rate to 11.677 mills. Once approved, it would be the lowest millage rate for the Houston County School District since 1992.

The proposed rate also places Houston County among the school districts with the lowest property tax rates in Georgia, with only 22 districts currently levying a lower millage rate.

The proposed rollback reflects the Board's commitment to responsible financial stewardship while continuing to meet the needs of the 11th largest school district in Georgia. Through careful planning, sound budgeting, and responsible management of taxpayer resources, the school district has been able to maintain high-quality educational opportunities while reducing the local property tax burden.

"This proposed rollback demonstrates that we can continue investing in excellent schools while being mindful of the financial impact on our taxpayers and community," said Dr. Richard Rogers, Superintendent. "Our goal has always been to provide outstanding educational opportunities while managing public funds responsibly."

The Board also recognizes the important role the community has played in making this proposal possible. Voters' strong support for the 2027-2032 E-SPLOST, approved in the November 2025 referendum, provides dedicated funding for school construction, renovations, and other major capital improvements. Because E-SPLOST dollars cannot be used for day-to-day operating expenses, they help preserve local property tax revenues for classroom instruction and operational expenses while reducing the need to fund capital projects through property taxes.

The Houston County Board of Education will officially vote on the proposed millage rate at the Board meeting on August 11. That meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Board Room located at 1100 Main Street in Perry.

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