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Clayton County BOE schedules action on FY2017 millage rate
Approval will maintain the district's present millage rate

JONESBORO - The final step in the budgeting process for the coming fiscal year has been scheduled.

In accordance with Georgia law, the Clayton County Board of Education will host three public hearings to allow citizens an opportunity to express opinions on the district's proposed millage rate for the FY2017 Budget. While the total millage rate is recommended to remain flat, the proposed rate is considered an increase in property taxes due to tax digest information supplied by the Clayton County Tax Commissioner.

As a result of this information, the Clayton County Board of Education announces its intention to increase the 2017 property taxes that it will levy by 1.5 percent over the rollback millage rate. This action is required to maintain the present millage rate of 19.095 mills which was used to establish the FY2017 Budget to support the Clayton County school system.

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

The budget adopted by the Clayton County Board of Education requires that a rate higher than the rollback millage rate, therefore, before the Clayton County Board of Education may set a final millage rate, Georgia law requires three public hearing be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

Concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Clayton County Public Schools Administration Complex, 1058 Fifth Avenue in Jonesboro, on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 6 p.m. and on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 11 a.m. and at 5 p.m.

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Clayton County Board of Education has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 1.5 percent. All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at the Clayton County Public Schools Administrative Complex, 1058 Fifth Avenue, Jonesboro, GA on Monday, July 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at the Clayton County Public Schools Administrative Complex, 1058 Fifth Avenue, Jonesboro, GA on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 11:00 AM and at 5:00 PM.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 19.095 mills, an increase of .282 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 18.813 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$8.59 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$11.46.

NOTICE

The Clayton County School Board does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Clayton County Board of Education Administrative Complex, 1058 Fifth Avenue, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236 on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 5:30 pm and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2016 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY (In Thousands)

COUNTY SCHOOL	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Real & Personal	\$6,983,317	\$6,514,542	\$6,369,706	\$6,403,345	\$6,795,024	\$6,803,734
Motor Vehicles	419,036	442,706	481,907	432,508	274,531	203,244
Mobile Homes	14,024	13,243	12,401	11,752	11,107	10,607
Timber - 100%	114	40	0	94	9	28
Heavy Duty Equipment	216	144	86	217	1,042	538
Gross Digest	7,416,707	6,970,675	6,864,100	6,847,916	7,081,713	7,018,151
Less M & O Exemptions	1,038,685	1,167,966	1,124,912	1,144,443	1,139,142	1,242,149
Net M & O Digest	\$6,378,022	5,802,709	5,739,188	5,703,473	5,942,571	5,776,002
Gross M & O Millage	20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000	19.804	19.095
Less Rollbacks	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.196	-0.709	0.000
Net M & O Millage	20.000	20.000	20.000	19.804	19.095	19.095
Total School Taxes Levied	\$127,560	\$116,054	\$114,784	\$112,952	\$113,473	\$110,293
Net Taxes \$ Increase	(\$13,246)	(\$11,506)	(\$1,270)	(\$1,832)	\$522	(\$3,181)
Net Taxes % Increase	-9.41%	-9.02%	-1.09%	-1.60%	0.46%	-2.80%