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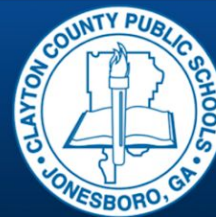
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## **Board of Education to Consider 2020 Millage Rate**

*Revisions made to Public Hearing meeting time and date*

**JONESBORO**— The Clayton County Board of Education (CCBOE) announces today its intention to maintain the current millage rate at 20 mills which will result in an increase of the 2020 property taxes levied this year by 3.03 percent over the rollback millage rate. The Board's action is the result of a reassessment of the county's property and is needed to provide revenue support for the FY2021 Budget at 20 mills.

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 adjust 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 assessment occurred.

The budget adopted by the Clayton County Board of Education requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate; therefore, before the Clayton County Board of Education finalizes the budget and 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 participate in the public hearings on the tax increase on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. and **6:00 p.m.** and on **Thursday, August 6, 2020** at 6:00 p.m. Public hearings will be virtual using **video-conferencing** technology. Public comments on the proposed tax increase should be submitted in email format to the following address: [ccpsbudget@clayton.k12.ga.us](mailto:ccpsbudget@clayton.k12.ga.us). Stakeholders submitting comments should include a name and contact phone number or email address.

Comments for the first hearing should be submitted by 10:45 a.m. on July 30, 2020 and by **5:45 p.m.** for the second hearing on July 30, 2020. Comments for the third hearing should be submitted by 5:45 p.m. on **August 6, 2020**. All comments received by the indicated deadlines will be read into the record of the hearing.

The Clayton County Board of Education is expected to set the 2020 Millage Rate during a **called Board meeting on August 6, 2020**. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., following the third public hearing.

District and community stakeholders will be able to follow the meeting by going to the district's website at [www.clayton.k12.ga.us](http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us) and clicking on the Board Meeting graphic on the home page's scrolling banner. This will connect stakeholders to the virtual meeting.

Individuals who are unable to participate in the meeting will be able to access the recorded meeting on the district's official platforms ([website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Youtube](#), and Channel 24, which is available to Clayton County Comcast subscribers only) following the meeting.

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### **About Clayton County Public Schools**

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth largest school system in Georgia.

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