

the BOARD REPORT



School Millage Proposal Will Be On May 2 Ballot

Proposal does not affect taxes on primary residences

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The Warren Woods Board of Education has placed a non-homestead millage proposal on the May 2nd ballot.

The “replacement operating millage proposal” **will not affect taxes on primary residences** (the homes in which residents of Warren Woods Public Schools live). The millage proposal applies primarily to businesses, second homes, rental property, and vacant land. Warren Woods Public Schools’ non-homestead millage proposal is on the ballot because school districts in Michigan must levy 18 mills on non-homestead property to receive their full share of State Aid.

While Warren Woods voters approved an 18-mill non-homestead levy in 2005, it has been rolled back under provisions of the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution. As a result of rollbacks since 2016, Warren Woods Public Schools has lost \$1,063,398 in State Aid.

The original 18 mill levy has now been rolled back to 16.1889 mills, and will now cause the school district to lose over \$400,000 in State Aid this school year.

Projections are that the school district will continue losing State Aid every year, and the revenue loss will increase if the replacement millage is not approved by voters.

While the non-homestead tax does not apply to taxpayers who live in their primary residence, they get to vote on the non-homestead millage proposal because that is the law in Michigan. In 1994, the Michigan legislature adopted a school funding law that required all Michigan homeowners to pay six mills in property tax. In addition, the law required all Michigan school districts to levy 18 mills on non-homestead property to get their full share of State Aid. The law allows all taxpayers in a school district to vote on the non-homestead millage.

THE BOTTOM LINE

- ✓ While school districts can only levy a non-homestead tax of 18 mills, Warren Woods Public Schools - like many other Michigan school districts—is asking for 20 mills to protect the school district from future rollbacks.
- ✓ All residents of the Warren Woods Public Schools are eligible to vote at the polls on May 2 (or by absentee ballot beginning March 23).
- ✓ For more information and continuing updates, go to www.warrenwoods.misd.net and click on **School Millage Proposal**.



Westwood Elementary

Our Westwood Wildcats are having an amazing school year! We have been busy learning so many new things. We have spent time teaching and reviewing our PBIS C.A.T.S Expectations: Care About Others, Awesome Attitude, Take Responsibility & Safety. Students enjoy monthly incentives celebrating positive school-wide behavior.



Pinewood Elementary

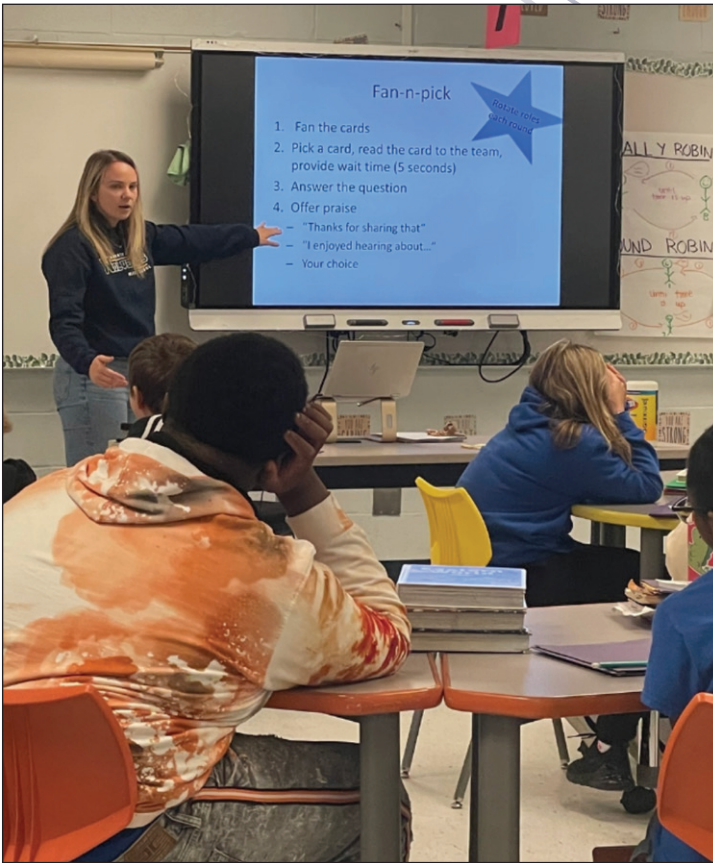
Pinewood students enjoyed a day of fun during our Fall PBIS Celebration. They had the opportunity to participate in different games and activities including wrapping their teacher up like a mummy! Lots of fun was had by all. Thank you to our parent volunteers as well for helping us make this activity a success.



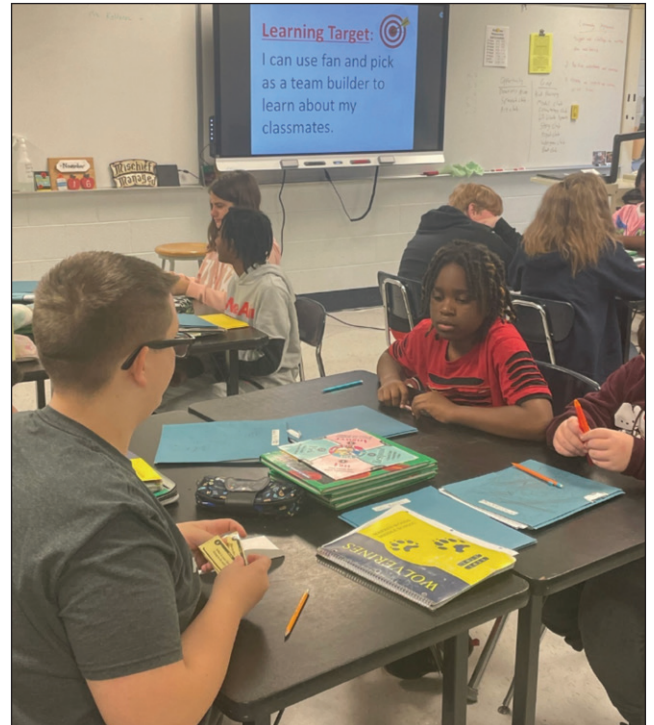
Briarwood Elementary

Briarwood Elementary had a special visitor on December 16.

Middle School News



Mrs. Liska explains the steps of the Fan-N-Pick Kagan Structure to her 4th hour class. Staff members have been working hard to make Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures come to life at WWMS.



Sixth grade students in Mrs. Koltonow's 4th hour class are engaged in a Kagan Cooperative Learning Structure to promote team building.



On Friday, November 18, 2022, eligible students participated in our WWMS First Quarter PBIS Incentive – WWMS Olympics!



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Meetings are open to the public. The community is welcome to attend. Board meeting agendas are posted the Friday before each meeting at the Administrative Service Center at every school during from September through June.

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Warren Woods Tower Lip Dub 22

On the afternoon of Wednesday, December 21 WWT teacher Eric Martin lead the entire school in a 13-minute "Lip Dub." Students, staff and administration all participated in the video shot in one, long continuous take with no cuts or edits. You can view it at: youtube.com/@TitanNationWWT.