

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SAGINAW COUNTY'S NOVEMBER 3, 2026, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MILLAGE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the voters of Saginaw County overwhelmingly approved the county's first Career and Technical Education (CTE) millage in 2018, creating a dedicated countywide investment to expand access to high-quality career and technical education opportunities for students throughout Saginaw County; and,

WHEREAS, since its passage, the CTE millage has supported 6,138 Saginaw County students and reimbursed local school districts nearly \$27 million for eligible CTE costs; and,

WHEREAS, the CTE millage covers eligible tuition and transportation costs for students participating in CTE programs, resulting in a \$0 charge to local school districts for eligible tuition and transportation while allowing local operating resources to remain available for other educational priorities; and,

WHEREAS, this investment has significantly expanded student access and opportunity, with Saginaw Career Complex enrollment growing from 490 students in 2018 to 993 students in 2026, representing a 103% increase, and available programs growing from seven programs of study in 2018 to 21 career pathways today; and,

WHEREAS, during the 2025 - 2026 school year, Saginaw County CTE programs engaged 272 business partners, provided 335 work-based learning placements across 98 sites, supported registered apprenticeship opportunities, and helped students earn 735 credentials and certificates; and,

WHEREAS, these opportunities connect classroom learning to real-world careers through hands-on experiences, industry-recognized credentials, work-based learning, postsecondary education, training, apprenticeships, and employment while strengthening Saginaw County's current and future workforce; and,

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2026, Saginaw County voters will consider the Saginaw ISD Career and Technical Education Millage Proposal to continue this countywide investment for an additional ten years, from 2028 through 2037; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal would renew the current 0.9962 mill levy and restore 0.0038 mill reduced through the Headlee rollback, returning the authorization to its original 1.0000 mill level; and,

WHEREAS, renewal of the CTE millage will allow Saginaw County schools to continue building upon the expanded student access, career pathways, workforce partnerships, and financial benefits made possible through the investment of Saginaw County voters;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saginaw Public School District Board of Education endorses the Saginaw ISD Career and Technical Education Millage Proposal appearing on the November 3, 2026, ballot; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saginaw Public School District Board of Education

recognizes the educational, workforce, and financial benefits the CTE millage provides to students, schools, employers, and communities throughout Saginaw County and engages in efforts to fully inform voters leading to the successful passage of the proposal.

Resolved September, 16, 2026

Dr. Charles Coleman

Board of Education President
Saginaw Public School District