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Item: Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal Proposal

Submitted by: Dr. Ron Gorman

Date: 7/14/2025

Recommended by: Dr. Ron Gorman

Board Meeting Date: 7/21/2025

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Kent ISD School Board approve the attached resolution, which proposes a regional enhancement millage renewal and restoration for the November 4, 2025, election ballot. The proposal is for .9 mill for 10 years.

BACKGROUND:

The constituent school districts of Kent ISD have adopted resolutions requesting that a regional enhancement millage renewal proposal be placed on the ballot at an election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Under Section 705 of the Revised School Code, when one or more boards of constituent school districts representing a majority of the combined enrollment of the ISD adopt such resolutions, the intermediate school board is authorized and directed to place the question of levying a regional enhancement millage on the ballot.

This proposal is a renewal of the previously approved enhancement millage, passed by Kent County voters in 2017. The original amount has slightly decreased over the years due to the Headlee Rollback (1979), a mechanism that reduces a local government millage when property values increase faster than inflation. This underscores the importance of restoring the millage to its originally approved amount.

This funding has enabled school districts across Kent County to address student mental health needs, maintain staffing levels, expand academic and career readiness programs, and preserve essential student services.