

Oakland Intermediate School District 1.5 Mill School Enrichment Millage

On the August 4, 2026 Primary Election Ballot

The Oakland County Intermediate School District will be placing a 1.5 school enrichment millage on the August 4, 2026 Primary Election ballot.

Should the Oakland County School Enrichment Millage gain approval, the Southfield City Assessor estimates that the Southfield taxpayers will contribute \$5,000,020 to the fund in the first year. The Oakland Intermediate School District estimates that in total the enrichment millage will generate \$125,000,000 in the first year. These funds would then be distributed to the 28 county school districts and 22 charter schools based on enrollment (or a \$728 per pupil allocation). The duration of the millage if approved is six years.

Thus, over the course of six years Southfield taxpayers would be contributing over \$30 million in tax dollars while Southfield Public Schools would receive approximately \$18.7 million. However, if Southfield enrollment declines, the city's contribution remains and the district receives less.

With voter approval of the tax increase, Southfield taxpayers will be subsidizing students in other school districts because Southfield Public Schools has lower enrollment than the majority of districts in the county. Based on Southfield Public Schools current enrollment (fall 2025), the distribution from the county enrichment millage would be \$3,115,112 in the first year. The remaining \$1,884,908 of Southfield taxes would be shared with other Oakland County districts.

School Districts Which Stand to Benefit the Most

DISTRICT HOUSEHOLD	ENROLLMENT	DISTRIBUTION		CURRENT PER PUPIL Allocation/Spending	Median Income
		From 1.5 mill increase			
Charter Schools (all)	15,377	\$11,194,456		\$ 9,608	--
Rochester	14,679	\$10,686,312		\$15,568	
					\$120,694
Troy	12,043	\$ 8,767,304		\$15,813	
					\$120,823
Walled Lake	11,718	\$ 8,530,704		\$15,804	\$113,148
Clarkston	8,969	\$ 6,529,432		\$15,267	\$
					94,211
Farmington	8,963	\$ 6,525,064		\$19,361	
					\$104,836
South Lyon	8,194	\$ 5,965,232		\$14,768	\$
					92,467
Oxford	7,553	\$ 5,498,584		\$14,489	
					\$111,239
Huron Valley	7,371	\$ 5,366,088		\$15,578	
					\$105,941
Birmingham	7,245	\$ 5,274,360		\$20,452	
					\$156,104
Lake Orion	6,835	\$ 4,975,880		\$15,186	
					\$101,318
Novi	6,753	\$ 4,916,184		\$15,660	
					\$113,967

Southfield 68,166	4,279	\$ 3,115,112	\$22,328	\$
Oak Park 71,510	2,948	\$ 2,146,144	\$19,692	\$

School districts with higher enrollments will benefit most from this additional millage. These districts are more affluent and, generally speaking, have a greater ability to assume the cost of the tax increase. If approved, the tax increase for the enrichment millage for homeowners will vary from approximately \$150 on a home valued at \$200,000 to \$600 for higher-valued homes.

Data supplied by the Oakland Intermediate School District and the City of Southfield's Assessor's Office.
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