



A Message from the Superintendent

Operating Millage Renewal on August ballot

Dear Friends of Chippewa Valley Schools,

At Chippewa Valley Schools, we are committed to the health, safety and success of our students as we prepare them for careers and bright futures. That's why I'd like to share the facts about the **Chippewa Valley Schools Operating Millage Renewal** that will appear on the Tuesday, Aug. 6, ballot.



Ron Roberts
Superintendent



This important millage renewal supports **career-technical instructors, teachers, support staff, school safety officers, school counselors, social workers, school health services staff and food service workers** who help prepare our students for success and careers, including good-paying jobs in the skilled trades.

This millage renewal does NOT cost homeowners one penny in taxes and would **ONLY** be paid by rental property owners, owners of second homes, commercial properties and businesses. It has no impact on a resident's primary home. This renewal can only be used to support our general operations so we can continue to receive full state funding to help our students succeed.

The Chippewa Valley Schools Operating Millage Renewal benefits our students, our families and our entire community by:

- Helping us continue providing real-world, hands-on learning opportunities that prepare our students for the jobs of today and tomorrow, helping create a talent pipeline right here in Macomb County.
- Supporting critical safety upgrades to help keep our school community safe.
- Helping to keep our property values high and home values strong, making our community an amazing place to live, work, raise a family or start a small business.



Chippewa Valley Schools remains committed to providing our students with world-class educational opportunities, ensuring our children are career and college ready and equipped to compete in today's workforce.



We truly appreciate your continued support of our students and our schools. Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions at: RRoberts@cvs.k12.mi.us.

Sincerely,

Ron Roberts, Superintendent
Chippewa Valley Schools

**This millage renewal is NOT a tax on homeowners.
It does not cost homeowners one penny in taxes.**

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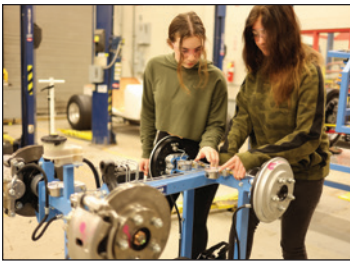
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CTE

CTE Opportunities Abound at Chippewa Valley Schools

The workforce is more competitive than ever, making it critical to provide real-world, hands-on learning opportunities that help Chippewa Valley Schools students compete for good paying, in demand jobs.

That’s why we proudly offer 15 different Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses that help prepare students for the jobs of today and tomorrow. Students at Chippewa Valley and Dakota high schools can enroll in CTE classes ranging from Mechatronics and Auto Technology to Construction Trades and our Medical Academy, to Cybersecurity and Design Technology.

More than 2,000 Chippewa Valley students enroll in CTE courses every year, including about 15% who take multiple CTE classes. Along the way, our students are supported by industry professionals who work in coordination with our teachers to provide high-quality programming using state-of-the-art technology.

These programs help prepare students for highly skilled, rewarding careers while helping them save money: Students can earn professional certifications and credentials while still in our hallways at no cost.

Here’s more good news: Our CTE programs are helping create job opportunities near home for our students, so they don’t have to move away to find jobs after high school. That helps create a talent pipeline right here in Macomb County.

To learn more about career-technical opportunities at CVS, visit chippewavalleyschools.org.



CTE Culinary Teams



The Chippewa Valley and Dakota Culinary Team won big at their second ACF competition of the year at the Culinary Institute of Michigan.

Two of the Best

Marios Khammi earned the title “Best Cook in Macomb”. Marios is a senior at Dakota High School and competed at Macomb Community College where students from Culinary Arts programs across the county compete annually. This is the second consecutive year that Marios has earned this prestigious title. His instructor Chef Russ Zampich, a former Chippewa Valley alumnus, was recently named Chef Educator of the Year by the American Culinary Federation. The honor came from his peers from the American Culinary Federation (ACF) chapter of Chefs, Michigan Chef de Cuisine Association (MCCA).



Woodworking Students with High Level Skills

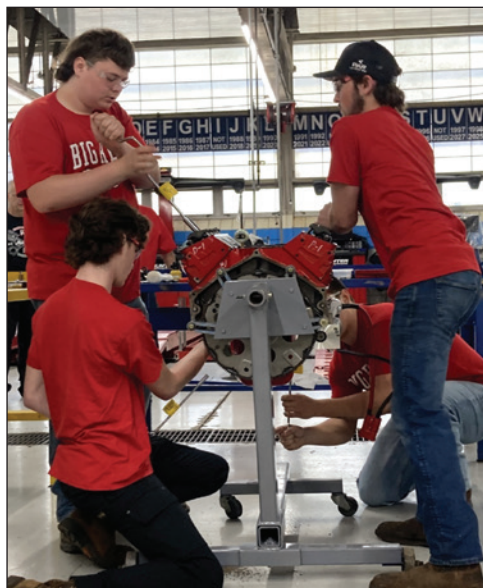


Today's Woodworking class highlights the incredible skills of our students. Our Career and Technical Education (CTE) program prepares students for next-level success.



Gentlemen Start Your Engine

CVS Auto Club does it again! Congratulations to the Chippewa Valley Schools Auto Club for earning 1st place again this year at the Macomb County Community College Engine Build Competition held in May. Club sponsors Mr. Joe Hart and Mr. Allan Hoover are proud of these students and their ability to work so well together where communication and collaboration is key. These young men completed the entire tear down and rebuild process and had the engine running in just over an hour.



Dakota Design Technology students

Design Tech Students Compete

Congratulations to Dakota Design Technology students and their teacher, Mr. Miguel Garcia for their accomplishments this year in the "High School Design Challenge", hosted by the American Society of Body Engineers (ASBE). DHS Senior Tyler Tran was awarded 1st place in the "Design Concept" category. Mr. Garcia was recognized as "Teacher of the Year" for the second year in a row! Congratulations to Mr. Garcia, Tyler, and all the students who participated in this year's challenge.



MILLAGE

CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS COUNTY OF MACOMB STATE OF MICHIGAN

Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal would renew and restore the authority of the School District to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18 mills on all property, except principal residences (owner occupied homes) and other property exempt by law, for general operating purposes, which currently expires with the School District's 2024 tax levy and allow the School District to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18 mills in the event of future Headlee rollbacks of up to 1 mill. This authorization will allow the School District to continue to receive revenues at the full per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State.

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residences and other property exempted by law, situated within the Chippewa Valley Schools, County of Macomb, Michigan, be increased in the amount of 19 mills with 18 mills being the maximum allowable annual levy (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of ten (10) years, 2025 to 2034, inclusive? This operating millage if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of \$16,500,000 during the 2025 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.

YES _____

NO _____

Millage renewal to appear on Aug. 6 ballot

On Tuesday, Aug. 6, voters will have the opportunity to vote on the Chippewa Valley Schools Operating Millage Renewal. This important millage renewal would:

- **NOT cost homeowners one penny in taxes.** It would only be paid by rental property owners, owners of second homes, commercial properties and businesses to continue receiving full state funding for school operations.
- Allow us to support career-technical instructors, teachers and support staff to help prepare students for in-demand, good-paying jobs, including in the skilled trades.
- Allow us to support school safety officers, school counselors, social workers, health services staff and food service workers essential to student health and success. If passed, all funds from this millage renewal will be required to undergo an annual independent audit and be publicly disclosed on the district's website.

How to vote

WHO: All Chippewa Valley Schools district voters

WHEN: Tuesday, Aug. 6. Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

HOW: Registered voters can cast a ballot at their established polling location. Voters also have the opportunity to vote absentee.

Request an absentee ballot

Absentee ballots can be requested by contacting:

- Michigan Secretary of State: Visit michigan.gov/vote.
- Macomb County: Visit: <https://www.macombgov.org/departments/clerk-register-deeds/elections> or call **586-469-5209**.

Chippewa Valley Schools Operating Millage Renewal



Q: What is the Chippewa Valley Schools Operating Millage Renewal?

A: The Chippewa Valley Schools Operating Millage Renewal supports Career and Technical Education instructors, teachers, support staff, school safety officers, school counselors and social workers who help prepare our students for success and careers.

Q: When will this millage renewal appear on the ballot?

A: This millage renewal will appear on the Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024 ballot.

Q: Will this millage renewal raise my taxes?

A: **No.** This millage renewal **does not cost homeowners one penny in taxes**, and is **only** paid by rental property owners, owners of second homes, commercial properties and businesses.

Q: What will the funding be used for?

A: Funding from this millage renewal will be used to support career-technical instructors, teachers, support staff, school safety officers, school counselors, social workers, school health services staff and food service workers essential to student safety, student health and student achievement.

Q: Does this millage renewal pay for new buildings or construction?

A: No. By law, the millage renewal only supports the district's general operations and cannot be used for any new construction.

Q: Why do we need this millage renewal now?

A: This is a renewal of an existing millage that supports the district's general operations to continue receiving full state funding and help students succeed. This is not a new millage. It must be approved every 10 years and was last approved by voters in 2014.

Q: What happens if this millage renewal doesn't pass?

A: Chippewa Valley will lose approximately \$16 million annually if this millage renewal is not approved by voters. Without the funds gathered from this millage renewal, the district could be forced to cut important student programs and staff, including school counselors, psychologists, school health services staff and more.

Q: How much will this millage renewal cost?

A: The Chippewa Valley Schools Operating Millage Renewal would continue the current, 18-mill tax levy **only** paid by rental property owners, owners of second homes, commercial properties and businesses for the next 10 years. **This millage renewal is NOT paid by homeowners and does not cost homeowners one penny in taxes.**

Q: How do we know funding from the millage renewal will be spent wisely?

A: Chippewa Valley Schools has a proven track record of fiscal responsibility, transparency and accountability, and all funds from this millage renewal will be required to undergo an annual independent audit and be detailed on the district's website.

Q: How does this millage renewal help prepare students for the modern workforce?

A: This millage renewal supports hands-on learning opportunities that prepare students for the jobs of today and tomorrow, whether that means college, technical training or entering the workforce right after graduation.

Q: Where can I get more information about the millage renewal?

A: Visit chippewavalleyschools.org or call the Community Relations Department at 586-723-2240.

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Madison Galich named CTE Senior of the Year

Madison Galich is a remarkable and dedicated student with a passion for math and science. In addition to her individual achievements, Madison's leadership qualities shined through with her classmates. She became a valuable resource within the class. Madison's teamwork and collaborative spirit demonstrated her ability to work seamlessly with others. Madison's leadership extended beyond the classroom, as she is an active member of the Macomb Shock baseball team, showcasing her dedication to both academic and extracurricular activities. Madison was nominated by her Mechatronics teacher, Mr. Jomo Walker.



Jonah Benjamin recognized as CTE Senior of the Year

Jonah Benjamin exemplified the qualities of being a leader at Dakota High School. His dedication and passion for learning was evident in everything he did in his business classes. Jonah maintained all A's in his Business classes at Dakota, having taken Entrepreneurship in his Junior year and earning high marks in Business Management and Technology. He was Microsoft 365 Certified in Excel, Word and PowerPoint by the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Jonah was involved in extra-curricular activities and participated in Football, Wrestling, Key Club, and HOSA (Medical club) for one year. Jonah plans to study Accounting at either Wayne State or MSU in the fall of 2024. Jonah was nominated by his teacher, Mr. Paul Tocco.



CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS
JOB FAIR
2024

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024
NOON-5:00PM

Walk-in Interviews
Be hired on the spot for the 2024/25 school year
Immediate Benefits for eligible positions
No Cost Background Checks

OPEN POSITIONS

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Daycare	Substitutes

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