February 3, 2020

Purpose of Letter: Non-Homestead Millage Renewal

Dear Parents and Community,

ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, IT IS TIME TO GET READY FOR VOTING SEASON.

Crestwood School District has one item on the Ballot for 2020 and it is the NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE RENEWAL.

So what does this all mean..

What is Non-Homestead?
It is NOT your personal home or personal property
    - If you own your home, then nothing changes for you and it does not impact you
    - If you are living in a home that you rent, then you as the occupant is not impacted

Non-Homestead is only for Business Properties

What is the Millage?
It is 3 mills that will be levied (taxed on businesses) if we fall below our 18 mills due to the Headlee rollback (https://www.mml.org/resources/publications/one_pagers/FS%20Headlee%20Plus.pdf)

So basically, if we lose funding from the State of Michigan on our Millage Rates, this would kick in to protect us up to $40,000. So it is a security blanket that our businesses in the community would put around our students if we lose funding due to cuts from the State Government.

The district is currently utilizing the $40,000 to grow our Robotics Team and Program, without the additional millage this program may suffer. Additionally, this is a renewal, which means that it is not a new tax.

Sincerely,

Dr. Youssef Mosallam
Superintendent of Schools