

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Habersham County Board of Education has tentatively adopted a 2024 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 14.09 percent.

The proposed millage rate for 2024 is 10.354. This is the same millage rate as 2023 and is lower than 2022 and all previous school district millage rates since 2002.

By maintaining the same 2023 millage rate of 10.354 mills for 2024, the School District will be in a position to match the Governor's \$2,500 teacher raise and the 4.1% support staff raise for those employees not funded through the QBE formula; keep 46 employees by transferring them to general fund after the loss of federal funds; and cover the unprecedented 32% increase in the employer portion of State Health Benefit Plan insurance premiums for locally funded certified employees and all classified employees.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Habersham County Board of Education Meeting Room, 144 Holcomb Street, Clarkesville, Georgia on July 15, 2024 at 11:30 AM [Hearing #1] and July 15, 2024 at 5:30 PM [Hearing #2].

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at the Habersham County Board of Education Meeting Room, 144 Holcomb Street, Clarkesville, Georgia on July 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM [Hearing #3].

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 10.354, an increase of 1.279 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 9.075 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$51.16 and the proposed tax increase for a non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$300,000 is approximately \$153.48.