

To the Editor:

Red Lodge High School General Fund Mill Levy Information

On May 2, 2017 Red Lodge High School District #1 will be running a general fund operations mill levy in the amount of \$20,083.45 or an addition of 1.26 mills.

What are the impacts of this mill levy?

Home Taxable Values

\$100,000 home – increase of \$1.70/year

\$200,000 home – increase \$3.39/year

Total Mills – increase of 1.26 mills

Is there a Trustee Election?

There will not be a trustee election as all incumbent trustees were declared by acclamation.

Acclamation occurs when trustees have no other candidates run for a trustee position.

- When acclamation occurs, the trustee portion of the election is cancelled.

Walk-in Election – 2 Locations – May 2, 2017

Veterans Memorial Civic Center – 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Luther School – 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots were mailed out April 14, 2017.

Ballots can be returned anytime up to the closing of polls on May 2, 2017.

- Absentee Ballots may be returned to Mountain View Elementary School, Roosevelt Middle School, Red Lodge High School, and Luther School or returned via mail.
- Ballots returned on Election Day will need to be turned in at your respective polling place.

What is the reason for this mill levy?

The high school general fund levy is being run as an operational levy to maintain current programs, resources, and staffing. This includes salaries, textbooks, utilities, extra-curricular activities, etc.

Why is this a high school levy only?

The Red Lodge School District is made up of an elementary (K-8) and high school (9-12) district.

Luther residents have their own elementary district and those students eventually attend Red Lodge High School. Red Lodge Elementary District will not be running a levy this year.

What is the duration of this levy?

Budgets vary annually due to student enrollment, and a combination of state and local funding. For example in 2012-2013, the high school levied 44.3 mills for its general fund and this past year the high school levied 42.07 mills. If approved, the high school district would levy a total of 43.33 general fund mills in 2017-2018.

When was the last general fund levy?

The last elementary general fund levy run was in 2014, while the last high school general fund levy was run in 2011.

Please vote on May 2 or complete your absentee ballot.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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