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Houston County Board of Education Proposed Millage Increase

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education announces its intention to increase the 2019 property tax levy by 2.01 percent over the rollback millage rate.

Each year, the board of tax assessors is required to review the assessed value for property tax purposes of taxable property in the county. When the pricing trend on properties recently sold in the county indicate an increase in the fair market value of any specific property, the board of tax assessors is required by law to re-determine the value of such property and increase the assessment. This is called a reassessment.

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires that a rollback millage rate must be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget adopted by the Houston County Board of Education requires that the millage rate be set higher than the rollback millage rate. The proposed millage rate for 2019 is the same rate as the 2018 rate, 13.297 mills. Therefore, before the Houston County Board of Education can set a final millage rate, Georgia law requires three public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase held as follows: July 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. and July 9, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at the Houston County Board of Education, 1100 Main Street, Perry, Ga.; and July 25, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. at the Houston County Career Academy located at 1311 Corder Road, Warner Robins, Ga.

To view a current 2019 tax digest and 5-year history of the levy, visit the district's [Finance and Business Operations webpage](#) and click on "[Millage](#)."

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