Dear Editor,

I have been a parent in the Walled Lake Schools for 12 years and my children have greatly benefited from attending an amazing school district. My children have grown academically and socially, a direct result of the professionalism of their teachers and their constant search to better their own instructional practices to meet the individual needs of my children. The district also maintains facilities that support the efforts of their teachers.

One of our children has had some learning challenges over the years. Each year his teachers have found ways to meet his individual educational needs. One year due to my work schedule I was unable to attend a parent meeting so one of my son’s teachers met me at Big Boy for a parent-teacher conference on a Saturday morning. Talk about a dedicated teacher who put forth the extra effort for her students.

Our son has grown in confidence in his abilities and through his teachers’ support has tried out for various sports, clubs, and other extracurricular activities. He hasn’t always made the team or earned the spot but the teacher in charge made sure my son felt valued and important. This child who hated the idea of school has grown to see that in Walled Lake Schools he matters. The above and beyond dedication of his teachers have left such a positive impact on our son that he now enjoys school and wants to be a teacher himself.

On Tuesday, November 4, I urge you to vote for the RENEWAL of the operating millage for Walled Lake Schools. This operating millage represents $30 million of the district’s $154 million budget, or 20 percent of the district’s total budget.

Most importantly, this millage is the same millage every school district in the state must pass every 10 years to keep their local funding per Proposal A. There is NO change to the amount levied – this is a RENEWAL to operate our schools.

Thank you for voting YES on Tuesday, November 4 for our WLCSD children and community.

Sincerely,
Ken G.
Walled Lake

Dear Editor,

On Tuesday, November 4, 2014 a very important election takes place for our nation, state and the residents of Walled Lake Consolidated School District. School District residents will be asked to Renew 18 Mills of Non-Homestead and 3.9 Mills of Hold Harmless dollars to support the Operations of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District. Traditionally the residents within our district have supported these mills because they value high quality, well-rounded education. Every district in the state of Michigan is required to levy, with voter approval, 18 mills on all non-homestead properties, generally categorized as businesses, in order to receive “full state funding under Proposal A.”

The continuation of these mills will cost the owner of a $200,000 home approximately $227 annually, and without this continuation the district would lose $30 million, which the state will not make up. Additionally the value of your home will be maintained, as “high quality schools” are one of the benchmarks new homeowners look for.

As a 44-year resident of Walled Lake Consolidated School District, former teacher, and parent of two WLCSD graduates I am fully aware of the outstanding opportunities offered the students and residents of our school district. These millage dollars “free up” State Funding so WLCSD can offer such outstanding programs as those in science, robotics, math, foreign language, English, social studies, and those in fine and performing arts, as well as special services. I urge everyone to attend a play at Walled Lake Northern, Central, or Western High School or a choir performance or a band or orchestra performance or a performance by the middle or elementary students or one of the “art displays” to see first hand the student talents integrated and cultivated by the teachers and instructors in the WLCSD. Without millage support from the community these talented students may not have the opportunity to continue in these disciplines.

Thank you for voting YES on November 4 to continue support for the children and community of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District.

Peggy H.
Walled Lake

Dear Editor,

I have been a parent in Walled Lake Schools for eight years and my children have been well served by the teachers, facilities and instructional practices over the years.

My daughter attended Maple Elementary before its closing and the recent redistricting. We were lucky enough to be redistricted to Mary Helen Guest Elementary along with our wonderful principal from Maple. Our transition couldn’t have been smoother. I credit Walled Lake Schools, school officials and the teachers for turning this difficult time into a great experience.

I now have two children in Walled Lake schools and am very involved at the elementary school. I see on a daily basis the amazing work our teachers and staff do. They work very hard for all their students and they truly care about each and every one of them. It is so important for our entire community to vote yes on the upcoming Millage Renewal. It will be devastating to our children if we do not RENEW this millage. Please note this is a renewal, it is not an increase! This important matter is the last question on the ballot so please look for it and vote YES!!

On Tuesday, November 4, I urge you to vote for the RENEWAL of the Walled Lake Schools operating millage. This represents $30 million of the district’s $154 million budget, or 20 percent of the district’s total budget.

Most importantly, this millage is the same one every school district in the state must pass every ten years to keep their local funding, per Proposal A. There is NO change to the amount levied - this is a RENEWAL to operate our schools.

Thank you for voting YES on Tuesday, November 4 for our WLCSD children and community.

Sincerely,
Leslie K.
Walled Lake