

Official Ballot 2021 May Annual School Election Benton County May 18, 2021

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DECATUR SCHOOL DISTRICT ZONE 3

Vote for One

Write-in

DECATUR SCHOOL DISTRICT ZONE 5

Vote for One

Write-in

DECATUR SCHOOL DISTRICT 42.5 MILL SCHOOL TAX

The total rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax of 25.0 mills (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 42.5 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation, 14.9 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness, which bonded indebtedness will be retired from the proposed bonds described below, and 2.6 new debt service mills. The 2.6 new debt service mills plus the 14.9 existing debt service mills now pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness, which debt service mills will continue after retirement of the bonds to which now pledged, will be a continuing debt service tax until the retirement of proposed bonds to be issued in the principal amount of \$9,250,000, and which will mature over a period of 30 years, and will be issued for the purpose of refunding outstanding bonded indebtedness; constructing and equipping a new cafeteria; renovating high school; and constructing, refurbishing, remodeling and equipping other school facilities. The surplus revenues produced each year by the debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 42.5 mills represents a 2.6 mill increase over the current tax rate.

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 AGAINST

GENTRY SCHOOL DISTRICT ZONE 2

Vote for One

Jon Holt

GENTRY SCHOOL DISTRICT 46.0 MILL SCHOOL TAX

To submit the question of voting a total school tax rate (state and local) of 46.0 mills on the dollar of the assessed value of taxable property located in this District. The proposed tax includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74 the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 46.0 mills includes 28.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation, and 18.0 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by the debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 46.0 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

- FOR
 AGAINST

GRAVETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITION 5

Vote for One

- Melanie Nichols
 Hope Hendren Duke

GRAVETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITION 6

Vote for One

Heather Barnwell Finley

GRAVETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT 39.7 MILL SCHOOL TAX

The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operations of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 39.7 mills includes 25.8 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 13.9 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 39.7 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

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 AGAINST

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PEA RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 48.7 MILL SCHOOL TAX

The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operations of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 48.7 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 23.7 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 48.7 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

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 AGAINST

SILOAM SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT ZONE 2 Vote for One

- Connie Matchell

SILOAM SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 45.0 MILL SCHOOL TAX

The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operations of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 45.0 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 20.0 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 45.0 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

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 AGAINST

ROGERS SCHOOL DISTRICT ZONE 3 Vote for One

- Ashley Pledger
 Suzanne Spivey

ROGERS SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITION 6-AT LARGE Vote for One

- Mitch Lockhart

ROGERS SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITION 7-AT LARGE Vote for One

- Nathan Gairhan

ROGERS SCHOOL DISTRICT 41.9 MILL SCHOOL TAX

The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operations of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 41.9 mills includes 26.4 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation, 3.0 mills voted for dedicated maintenance and operation expenditures specifically for the purposes of purchasing technology and renovating and repairing existing facilities and 12.5 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 41.9 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

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 AGAINST

SPRINGDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT 40.5 MILL SCHOOL TAX MILLAGE

The total rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax of 25.0 mills (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 40.5 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 15.5 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness, which bonded indebtedness will be retired from the proceeds of the proposed bonds described below. The 15.5 existing debt service mills now pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness, which debt service mills will continue after retirement of the bonds to which now pledged, will be a continuing debt service tax until the retirement of proposed bonds to be issued in the principal amount of \$285,945,000, and which will mature over a period of 30 years, and will be issued for the purpose of refunding the District's outstanding bonded indebtedness; and constructing, refurbishing, remodeling and equipping school facilities. The surplus revenues produced each year by the debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes. The total proposed school tax levy of 40.5 mills represents the same rate presently being levied.

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