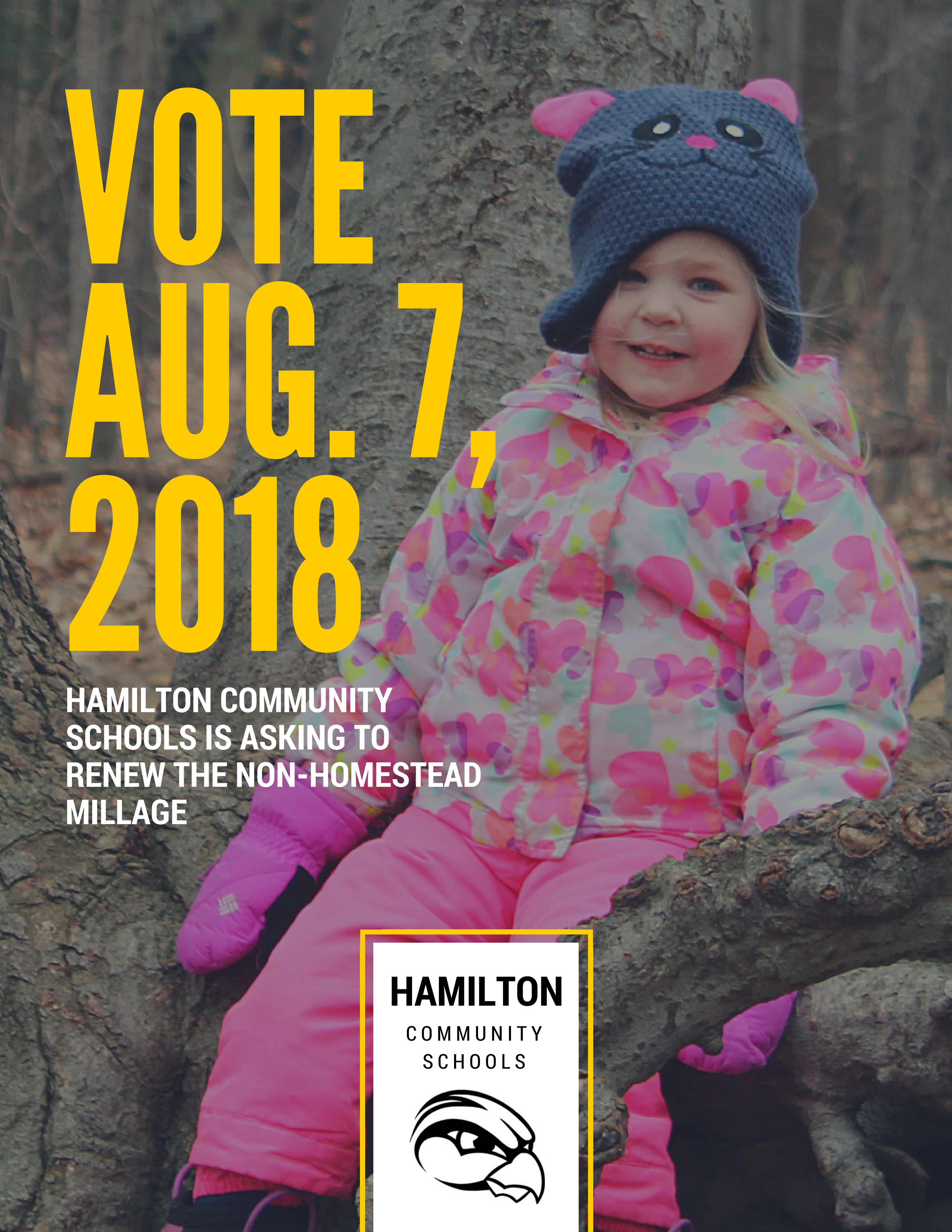

VOTE AUG. 7, 2018

HAMILTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IS ASKING TO RENEW THE NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE

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WHAT IS A NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE?

Proposal A, approved in 1994, funds Michigan public schools. It shifted funding from local property taxes to a sales tax increase and a state education tax on non-homestead properties.

So what is a non-homestead property? Any property that is not a primary residence or qualified agricultural property, such as a:

- Business
- Investment property
- Vacation home
- Rental property

To receive full State Foundation Grant funding, school districts must levy 18 mills on non-homestead properties. This would cost $1,800 per year for the owner of a property valued at $100,000.

Based on Hamilton's tax base, the millage generates $2.9 million for the district's schools.

IS THIS A NEW TAX?

This is not a new tax. It is a proposal to renew an existing 18 mill tax.

You do not pay this tax for your primary home, just any non-homestead property you own.

HOW DOES THIS IMPACT ME?

On Aug. 7, we will ask the Hamilton community to vote on the non-homestead millage renewal.

We are asking for a two-year millage renewal of the non-homestead 18 mills and an additional 1 mill that may only be used to restore the 18 mills if Headlee rollbacks occur.

If the millage is not renewed, the district would lose $2.9 million per year beginning January 2019.

The state doesn't replace this. We would be forced to make cuts to programs and support services.

WHO CAN VOTE AND WHERE?

Any registered voters who live in the Hamilton Community Schools district boundaries are eligible to vote on this request for the non-homestead millage renewal.

Please visit www.michigan.gov/vote to determine your voting location.

BALLOT LANGUAGE

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

HAMILTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The remaining 1 mill is only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Hamilton Community Schools, Allegan County, Michigan, be renewed by 18.8993 mills ($18.8993 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 2 years, 2019 and 2020, and also be increased by 0.1007 mill ($0.1007 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 2 years, 2019 and 2020, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2019 is approximately $2,930,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2018 levy and a restoration of millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963)?

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