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2026 ELECTION March 3rd

**An election to request a
reduction in the tax rate
from 36.5 mills to 34.0 mills.**



**2026
Election
and
Millage
Information**

(Q) When is the 2026 Election?

- (A) The 2026 Election will be held March 3, 2026

(Q) Is there a request for a change in the total millage rate?

- (A) Yes, the District is requesting to replace the 11.5 debt mills with 9.0 maintenance and operations mills. The total rate would decrease from 36.5 mills to 34.0 mills.

(Q) Is there a request for extension of existing debt millage?

- (A) No, the existing debt mills would be eliminated and the District's remaining debt would be paid off early.

(Q) How does the District compare to the State Average?

- (A) The State average as of the 2024 election is 39.2 mills.

(Q) When was the last change in the Ozark Mountain School District millage rate?

- (A) In 2008, voters approved a millage increase from 33.6 to 36.5 total mills to support a bond issue.

(Q) What is the purpose of the proposed millage change?

- (A) If voters approve the proposed rate of 34.0 mills, which is a 2.5 mill decrease from the current rate, then the District will be able to pay off the remaining balance on the District's bond and exchange the 11.5 debt mills for 9.0 maintenance and operations mills.
If approved, the District will not have any outstanding debt or debt millage. Any future bond issues would first require voter approval.

(Q) What is the amount of property tax due on the proposed 34.0 total mills, and what is the difference per year and per month from the current 36.5 total mills?

(A)

Appraised Value of Property	20% Assessed Valuation	Current 36.5 Mills Per Year	Proposed 34.0 Mills Per Year	Difference Per Year	Difference Per Month
\$25,000	\$5,000	\$182.50	\$170.00	-\$12.50	-\$1.04
50,000	10,000	365.00	340.00	-25.00	-2.08
100,000	20,000	730.00	680.00	-50.00	-4.17
150,000	30,000	1,095.00	1,020.00	-75.00	-6.25
200,000	40,000	1,460.00	1,360.00	-100.00	-8.33
250,000	50,000	1,825.00	1,700.00	-125.00	-10.42
300,000	60,000	2,190.00	2,040.00	-150.00	-12.50
400,000	80,000	2,920.00	2,720.00	-200.00	-16.67
500,000	100,000	3,650.00	3,400.00	-250.00	-20.83

NOTE: If the total taxes due on a primary residence are \$600 or less, there will be no real estate tax due. Each primary residence tax bill will receive a credit of up to \$600 if the credit is applied for.

(Q) How does the District's millage rate compare to other school districts with approximately the same student enrollment?

(A)

County	District	Assessment	Millage	Enrollment
Little River	Foreman	47,528,139.00	44.00	481
Faulkner	Mt Vernon/Enola	61,543,287.00	41.50	491
Prairie	Hazen	104,000,652.00	41.33	503
Poinsett	Marked Tree	56,313,516.00	39.50	487
Van Buren	South Side	122,740,146.00	38.60	480
Searcy	Ozark Mountain	81,230,067.00	Current 36.5	489
Searcy	Ozark Mountain	81,230,067.00	Proposed 34.0	489

(Q) How does the District's millage rate compare to other school districts in the surrounding area?

(A)

County	District	Assessment	Millage	Enrollment
Boone	Valley Springs	72,970,277.00	39.70	745
Boone	Harrison	436,977,982.00	39.20	2,725
Marion	Yellville-Summit	101,153,342.00	36.98	964
Newton	Jasper	99,243,285.00	36.80	802
Searcy	Searcy County	98,613,598.00	36.55	724
Searcy	Ozark Mountain	81,230,067.00	Current 36.5	489
Searcy	Ozark Mountain	81,230,067.00	Proposed 34.0	489
Newton	Deer/Mt Judea	35,330,985.00	33.00	330