

Readers Supporting Wayne School Millage

Renewal Keep Pace

EDITOR:
The well-known axiom, "You only get what you pay for," was never more true than it is today. Education is no exception to the rule. The price of quality schooling is not cheap. And quality, in the time of a space-suited, organ transplant level of science and technology, is needed more than at any other time in history.

Just to keep pace with the educational requirements of today is a mind-boggling proposition that demands the best of the school system we can possibly provide.

By supporting the millage renewal with a "yes" vote on March 23, we can provide Wayne Community School District with the tools to do the job.

The vote is not for more, but for a continuation of the same to keep the schools operating at an excellent level, as befits an intelligent, progressive society. Let us not short-change our children's future. Renew for youth.

Trust Wayne School Board

EDITOR:
The education and future of our children is dependent upon the passage of the millage issue (at the March 23 special election in the Wayne Community School District). The school board is asking for a renewal of the 21 mills that are expiring.

I do believe that tax reform will come about in Lansing, but this reform will take at least two years, perhaps three years.

I have faith in the integrity of the school board members. The school board has cut back the millage in the past—even though a greater amount met the voters' approval. I believe that when reform takes place in Lansing and more money is available through other sources, the school board of the Wayne Community School District will immediately cut back the millage levied locally.

Why They'll Vote Yes

EDITOR:
Mrs. Graham and I are planning to vote on March 23 to give the Wayne Board of Edu-

READERS' FORUM

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Taxes: Biggest Laugh Of All

EDITOR:
Increased millage for the Plymouth school system? If it weren't so expensive for those of us who WORK for a living, this would be the biggest laugh of all.

Even though with three of my own in primary grades, I will first start to support increased taxes when:

- (1) Teachers work for a year like every other occupational group;
- (2) teachers take a more realistic attitude toward their jobs as such, and are not so easily permitted to take days off, with the attendant high-priced substitute teachers; and
- (3) when the very considerable investment in our public schools is utilized year around, as it must be in any other business.

Be Proud Of Schools

EDITOR:
Why is March 23 such an important date for the Wayne Community School District? The answer is simple—the district needs very much a renewal of its 21 mill levy. It is important to note that the district is not asking for a 21-mill increase. The district is only asking for a 21-mill renewal.

True, our legislators and governor have failed us. Equally true our federal government is only interested in increasing the unemployment rate.

But what of those who are to follow us?

What of our children? We have invested millions of dollars in plant and equipment. Would it not be simply foolish to let that capital investment stand idle because we would not support what we have already constructed?

Be proud of your children and your school system—vote yes for the 21-mill renewal on March 23.

RUSSELL J. TUTTLE
Westland

Can Students Afford To Lose?

EDITOR:
Within the next week the Wayne Community School District will be asking the voters to renew 21 mills in a special election. Twenty-one mills equals about one third of the total school budget.

Can you afford to discard one third of your child's education? Can you fill one third (one hour and 45 minutes) of the school day with some type of educational activity? If you can, are you, as parents willing to assume that responsibility to purchase art material, books, records, instruments and audiovisuals to achieve this end?

With inflation and high taxes, taxpayers have a right not a responsibility to examine closely goods and services received in exchange for their hard-earned salaries. Does approximately \$1.20 per school day on a \$10,000 home sound unreasonable?

Every parent with children should examine his tax bill for last year. It costs an average of \$812 to educate each child in this school district. How much of this amount did you really pay?

Educational reform including tax reform is a big issue in the Michigan Legislature now. It would be worthwhile for all taxpayers to understand these bills and advise your legislators of your feelings. Should any of these bills become law they will take precedence over the local district millage.

In the meantime can you afford to reduce the educational standards of the Wayne Community School District? Please think carefully before voting on March 23rd.

JOANNE D. SAAM
Madison School

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CARL PURSELL

Pursell Announces Run For Kuhn's Senate Seat

Charging that State Sen. George Kuhn has failed to keep in contact with his district, Carl Pursell has announced he will try to unseat Kuhn in the Aug. 4 Republican primary.

Well-wishers, party officials and the press crowded a banquet hall in Farmington to hear Pursell say he will reopen the battle he lost to Kuhn in the 1966 primary.

Pursell, 37, of Plymouth, is a member of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors (which will be renamed "commissioners" Friday). Kuhn, a resident of West Bloomfield Township, is completing his first four-year term in the Senate.

THE 14TH DISTRICT covers Livonia, Plymouth and Northville in Wayne County. Farmington and several other communities in western Oakland County. It is considered a predominantly Republican district.

Pursell did well in the Wayne County portion in 1966, but Kuhn built up a majority in the Oakland County portion, which has more votes, to win the primary.

Only announced Democratic candidate is Paul Kudish, a Livonia insurance man.

Pursell wanted to convince his listeners that his 1966 loss was a mistake.

Pursell lines up with the moderate-liberal wing of the GOP. Kuhn is a hard-line conservative, often associated with Sen. Robert Huber of Troy in legislative efforts.

HE SAID: "The present state senator" has ignored the drug problem, which has caused both Wayne and Oakland counties to spend money on local programs while \$100,000 earmarked for this purpose in the state budget is untapped.

"I am fully aware of the increased burden of taxation we are asked to bear. The answer is in constructive, responsible legislation. Solutions are not in wild-eyed speech-making and grandstanding," said Pursell.

Pat Novak of Farmington, president of the Michigan Jaycees, introduced Pursell.

Novak listed Pursell's qualifications, adding: "As a Wayne County supervisor, Pursell had introduced more constructive legislation than any other single supervisor."

ELECTED To the Wayne County board in 1968, Pursell will have to give up his seat for that two-year post if he completes his run against Kuhn for the Senate nomination.

Filing deadline is June 15 for candidates who put up a \$100 fee and June 16 for candidates who use petitions.

After earning a bachelor's degree in economics and political science and a master's degree in administration at Eastern Michigan University, Pursell served in the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of captain.

He has been a school teacher, real estate salesman, two-term president of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce,

founder of the Plymouth Businessmen's Forum, and the Plymouth Jaycees' "outstanding young man" of 1963.

Besides Republican Party work, Pursell has been a member of the Wayne County Coordinating Committee on Crime Control and a member of the law enforcement committee of the National Association of Counties.

His campaign manager will be Roy Jacobson, past president of the Plymouth Jaycees.

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