

District	Staff/pupil ratio (teachers per 1,000 students)		Local Millage (current)	Local Millage (in Milliken plan)	Local Millage needed with- out Milliken plan
	Current	Possible by Mil- iken plan			
Garden City	43.51	57.24	23.00	12.00	70.48
Livonia	40.27	57.30	23.90	12.00	60.64
Plymouth	48.23	57.26	20.70	12.00	63.50
Redford Union	47.78	37.13	35.90	12.00	32.72
South Redford	51.36	37.11	28.40	12.00	23.21
Wayne-Westland	43.00	37.32	25.90	12.00	31.61
Westland	45.03	38.30	31.00	12.00	33.08
Southfield	53.57	57.75	24.83	12.00	30.62
Clarenceville	51.34	37.34	31.60	12.00	30.73

How Milliken School Plan Could Affect Tax

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Gov. William Milliken is calling for local support of a state constitutional amendment that would greatly ease the burden of local school property taxes on suburban residents, while improving education throughout the state.

Under a new method of financing schools proposed by the amendment, local suburban property taxes would be cut as much as 69 percent while providing more teachers and funds for better vocational and special education programs in Michigan schools.

The revenues lost by the property tax cut would be made up by a boost of 2.3 percent in the state personal income tax rate, with either a state value added tax, or a special state tax on business properties.

GOV. MILLIKEN told an audience of 300 in Detroit's City-County Building that one of the greatest responsibilities of state government was to provide fair and equal education for all Michigan children. He said the state aid concept of improving a school system by allocating more funds per pupil was failing and should be abolished.

"Because I believe that the key to educational investment is how much education we buy, not just how much money we spend," Milliken said, "my plan is to equalize educational opportunity on student-staff ratios, rather than on dollars per pupil."

Milliken's plan, included in the proposed state constitutional amendment would:

- Establish a 47 teacher per 1,000 student ratio base in all Michigan schools.
- Cut all local property taxes to 12 mills, of which six must be approved by voters in each school district.
- Establish a state wide property tax of 4 1/2 mills for vocational and special education programs in Michigan schools.

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The Milliken plan also contains a tax refund scale for state residents who rent apartments or homes. Up to \$90 yearly could be refunded to renters.

The only exemptions to the Milliken plan would be local school property taxes voted for the payment of school debts and interests on school bonds.

REFERRING TO the proposed 2.3 per cent state income tax increase as a replacement for property taxes, Milliken said that he was forced to use a flat increase in the tax for school financing, instead of combining the school tax amendment with an amendment to allow a state graduated income tax.

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