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# Veto Kills Tax Cut For Clarencville

By JAN WILLIAMS  
 The Clarencville School District's hope for a decrease in property taxes next year went down the drain with the signing of a record

\$1.233 billion school aid bill. Gov. Milliken signed the bill last Tuesday, but vetoed the section which would allow any district levying more than 30 mills property tax to reduce that amount above 30 by one-fourth and be reimbursed by the state.  
 This means that Clarencville, which currently levies 33.87 mills, could have re-

duced one-fourth of 3.87 which would amount to .0967 of a mill or \$69,000.  
 According to Supt. David McDowell, this would have amounted to an approximate decrease of \$10 per year on property taxes for the average taxpayer.  
 McDowell had anticipated the governor's veto of this section of the bill and held

out on a premature reduction in millage.  
 "If I had confirmed the millage reduction, we would've been out \$69,000," McDowell added, however, that taxpayers should look on the bright side.  
 "We may not be able to lower the taxes, but at least we can't raise them."

The board also voted unanimously to borrow \$300,000 to use as a temporary operating budget for the school district from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 1973.  
 The loan was suggested in anticipation of funds from the state aid bill, which will reportedly amount to \$480,000 for the period Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 1973.  
 "We had to have some kind of budget to operate with because we have bills to pay," Business Manager Ed-

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**Calling 9th Graders 'Attitude' Test Is Dropped**  
 Clarencville ninth graders and all other high school students new to the District are being invited to attend a special orientation meeting on Thursday, Aug. 30, from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the L.E. Schmidt Auditorium.  
 Purpose of the session is to acquaint the students with school rules, clubs and organizations.

**C'ville Nixes Tax Board Challenge**  
 The Clarencville Board of Education has decided against action at this time regarding the alleged inequity of the existing Tax Allocation Board in Oakland County.  
 In a survey sent to the Clarencville school board, the Oakland County School Boards Association inquired about participation in testing the constitutionality of the composition of the county tax allocation board. Surveys were sent to the 28 school districts in Oakland County.  
 According to Louis Schimmel of the Waterford Board of Education, five members of the county officials or appointed by county officials.

**'Attitude' Test Is Dropped**  
 The Clarencville Board of Education has voted unanimously to delete the attitude survey portion of the 1973-74 state assessment tests for fourth and seventh graders.  
 Supt. David McDowell made the recommendation to delete this portion "because it doesn't present valid data."  
 The purpose of the attitude survey is to measure the self concept and school attitude of fourth and seventh graders.  
 The board said his objections to this portion of the test included the charges that there was no indication of reliability of the survey, it would increase testing time to approximately seven hours, and the format of the test leads students to an appropriate rather than accurate answer.  
 The State Board of Education recently approved the inclusion of attitude measurement in the 1973-74 Michigan operational assessment program on an optional basis for all school districts.  
 The tests will be available at local district option without cost to the district. The only conditions are that they be given during the time period set aside for the administration of assessment tests, that they be returned for processing with other assessment answer materials, and that they be administered to all fourth and/or seventh grade pupils.

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