

“TRUTH IN BUDGET & TAXATION” HEARING

Purpose of the Hearing:

1. Lake Orion Community Schools is conducting this hearing to comply with existing law and provide our community an opportunity to express their thoughts on our proposed fiscal year 2026-27 General Fund budget and the underlying tax levy (L-4029) supporting it.
2. Compliance with “The General Property Tax Act”
 - a. Public Act 206 of 1893
 - i. Section 211.24e(3) “Truth In Taxation”
3. Compliance with the “Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act”
 - a. Public Act 2 of 1968
 - i. **141.436 General Appropriations Act; requirements; etc.**
 1. Section 16 – “The Truth In Budgeting Act”
4. We are proposing a tax levy (L-4029) to be applied on all applicable qualifying property as of July 1, 2026. The levy with the estimated tax revenue is:

a. General Fund Revenue Est:	18.0 mills	\$13,070,125
b. Building & Site Sinking Fund Est:	1.8434 mills (All TV)	5,622,950
c. <u>Debt Service Fund(s) Revenue Est.:</u>	<u>7.000 mills (All TV)</u>	<u>21,352,200</u>
d. Estimated Total Tax Levy:		\$40,045,275
- e. Revenues are based on Oakland County provided taxable values for:
 - i. “ALL Properties” valued at \$3,050,313,120.
 - ii. “Non-homestead Properties” valued at \$726,118,082.
5. 1 mill of tax levy on a parcel of property with a taxable value of \$100,000 will produce \$100 of tax revenue.

LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

GENERAL FUND



FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ADOPTED BUDGET - June 24, 2026

	FINAL ACTUAL 2024-25	FINAL BUDGET 2025-26	PROPOSED BUDGET 2026-27
REVENUES			
Local Sources	13,640,605	14,452,374	15,339,069
State Sources	82,941,749	81,953,418	77,110,573
Federal Sources	2,706,993	2,371,211	1,908,343
ISD and Other Sources	7,233,131	8,434,581	8,952,797
Other Revenue	1,125,462	305,000	300,000
TOTAL REVENUES	107,647,940	107,516,584	103,610,782
EXPENDITURES			
INSTRUCTION			
Basic Programs	47,925,266	47,759,985	46,101,536
Added Needs	14,882,601	15,666,632	15,118,300
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	62,807,867	63,426,617	61,219,836
SUPPORT SERVICES			
Pupil Support Services	9,461,481	9,811,035	9,467,649
Instructional Staff Support Services	6,090,344	5,535,997	5,143,764
General Administration	1,470,064	1,647,881	1,631,846
School Administration	5,115,724	5,063,639	5,026,433
Business Services	1,413,016	1,555,036	1,423,606
Operation and Maintenance	7,320,839	8,245,287	8,285,822
Transportation Services	5,761,684	5,538,198	5,509,929
Communication Services	251,093	271,766	272,104
Human Resources	1,311,674	1,288,595	1,260,331
Technology Services	2,092,640	1,941,337	1,982,791
Pupil Services	256,980	281,812	279,852
Athletic Activities	1,756,464	1,731,679	1,751,111
Community Services	243,055	272,331	253,069
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	42,545,058	43,184,593	42,288,307
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	105,352,925	106,611,210	103,508,143
Beginning Fund Balance	9,518,632	11,813,647	12,719,021
Revenues over/(under) Expenditures	2,295,015	905,374	102,639
Ending Fund Balance	11,813,647	12,719,021	12,821,660

Memorandum

To: Heidi Mercer, Superintendent
CC: Shannon Hojna, Director of Business & Finance
From: Andrea Curtis, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Finance
Date: June 10, 2026
Re: General Fund Operating, Debt Retirement and Sinking Fund Millage Rates

The District annually completes the Tax Rate Request Form (Form L-4029). This form is filed with the Oakland County Clerk's Office, the Oakland County Equalization Department and all the taxed municipalities. The L-4029 is attached for your review and approval.

Millage Reduction Fraction

Each year the district's General Fund operating and Building & Site Sinking Fund millage rates have the potential to be reduced by the "Headlee" Millage Reduction Fraction (MRF). Simply put, if the taxable value of a district's tax base has increased, in part because of inflation, the authorized millage rate is reduced by the MRF to remove the effects of inflation on the tax revenue yield. Districts are allowed to have their community authorize a millage rate greater than the District's maximum legally allowable levy of 18 mills. This is commonly referred to as a "Headlee Override" millage authorization. Our community authorized a General Fund Operating Millage of 21.00 mills on February 27, 2024. This millage levy authorization expires June 30, 2034. For our fiscal year 2024-25 our Millage Reduction Fraction (MRF) is 0.9888.

General Fund Operating Millage Rate

Included in the L-4029 form is the General Fund operating millage rate that we are requesting the municipalities levy on the District's qualifying Non-Homestead tax base. The collection of this levy produces our General Fund operating tax revenue. Our fiscal year 2025-26 "Headlee" adjusted authorized millage rate was 20.6793 mills. Our fiscal year 2026-27 "Headlee" adjusted authorized operating millage rate, after application of this year's MRF is 20.4993 mills. Legally, school districts can only levy up to 18.00 mills for operating revenue therefore our fiscal year 2026-27 actual levy will be 18.0 mills in the July levy.

Lake Orion Community Schools

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Debt Retirement Millage Rate

The L-4029 includes the millage rate for our Debt Service Funds that we are requesting the municipalities to levy on all properties comprising our tax base. The voted debt millage is exempt from the “Headlee” MRF adjustment. We are requesting to levy 7.0000 mills on the July levy. This amount is allocated to our eligible debt service funds based on a calculation of funds available and debt service funding requirements for the year. Our debt service payments will be fully funded by the debt millage levy. The District will not be borrowing from the School Loan Revolving Fund in fiscal year 2026-27. We are requesting to levy 7.0000 mills in the July levy.

Building & Site Sinking Fund Millage Rate

The L-4029 includes the millage rate for our Building & Site Sinking Fund that we are requesting the municipalities to levy on all properties comprising our tax base. Our fiscal year 2025-26 “Headlee” adjusted authorized millage rate was 1.8643 mills. Our fiscal year 2026-27 “Headlee” adjusted authorized operating millage rate, after application of this year’s MRF is 1.8434 mills. We are requesting to levy 1.8434 mills in the July levy.

2026 Tax Rate Request (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2026)

MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Carefully read the instructions on page 2.

This form is issued under authority of MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and 211.34d. Filing is mandatory; Penalty applies.

County(ies) Where the Local Government Unit Levies Taxes Oakland	2026 Taxable Value of ALL Properties in the Unit as of 05-26-2026 3,050,313,120
Local Government Unit Requesting Millage Levy Lake Orion Community Schools (63230)	For LOCAL School Districts: 2026 Taxable Value excluding Principal Residence, Qualified Agricultural, Qualified Forest, Industrial Personal and Commercial Personal Properties. 726,118,082

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.119. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2026 tax roll.

(1) Source	(2) Purpose of Millage	(3) Date of Election	(4) Original Millage Authorized by Election Charter, etc.	(5) ** 2025 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(6) 2026 Current Year "Headlee" Millage Reduction Fraction	(7) 2026 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(8) Sec. 211.34 Truth in Assessing or Equalization Millage Rollback Fraction	(9) Maximum Allowable Millage Levy *	(10) Millage Requested to be Levied July 1	(11) Millage Requested to be Levied Dec. 1	(12) Expiration Date of Millage Authorized
Voted	NH Oper	2/27/24	21.0000	20.6793	0.9913	20.4993	1.0000	20.4993	18.0000	0.0000	2/2034
Voted	Debt Ref	2/2/16	Unlimited	N/A	1.0000	N/A	1.0000	0.1708	0.1708	0.0000	N/A
Voted	Debt	11/6/18	Unlimited	N/A	1.0000	N/A	1.0000	1.8494	1.8494	0.0000	N/A
Voted	Debt Ref	11/5/19	Unlimited	N/A	1.0000	N/A	1.0000	1.8788	1.8788	0.0000	N/A
Voted	Debt	11/6/18	Unlimited	N/A	1.0000	N/A	1.0000	0.1554	0.1554	0.0000	N/A
Voted	Debt	2/2/16	Unlimited	N/A	1.0000	N/A	1.0000	1.5876	1.5876	0.0000	N/A
Voted	Debt	11/6/18	Unlimied	N/A	1.0000	N/A	1.0000	1.3580	1.3580	0.0000	N/A
Voted	Sinking	2/27/24	1.8862	1.8643	0.9888	1.8434	1.0000	1.8434	1.8434	0.0000	6/2034

Prepared by Shannon Hojna	Telephone Number (248) 693-5415	Title of Preparer Director of Business & Finance	Date 06/10/2026
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CERTIFICATION: As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that these requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary to comply with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and, for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Hold Harmless) Millage, 380.1211(3).

Local School District Use Only. Complete if requesting millage to be levied. See STC Bulletin 2 of 2026 for instructions on completing this section.

<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk	Signature	Print Name	Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary		Susan Flaherty	06/10/2026

<input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson	Signature	Print Name	Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President		Danielle Bresett	06/10/2026

Total School District Operating Rates to be Levied (HH/Supp and NH Oper ONLY)	Rate
For Principal Residence, Qualified Ag., Qualified Forest and Industrial Personal	
For Commercial Personal	6.0000
For all Other	18.0000

* Under Truth in Taxation, MCL Section 211.24e, the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9. The requirements of MCL 211.24e must be met prior to levying an operating levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.

**** IMPORTANT:** See instructions on page 2 regarding where to find the millage rate used in column (5).