

Special Election News

For informational purposes only.

On February 14, 2023, many of you can let your voices be heard. The County Board of Education requested a special election to be held regarding a tax/millage increase for the County School System. Currently, the millage rate for the county school district (school districts 1 & 2) is 4.5 mills (.0045).

You will be voting on an 8 mill (.008) increase. However, the increase would only net a 7.5 mill (.0075) increase due to a ½ (.0005) mill added by Constitutional Amendment 778 that will be removed.

The taxpayers that are allowed to vote in this special election are registered voters of Tuscaloosa County living in the County School District. This basically includes everyone except those living in the City of Tuscaloosa which falls under the City School District.

The following tax examples indicate what an increase in school millage may look like for you each year.

<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Current County School Dist. Millage 4.5 (.0045)</u>	<u>Proposed County School Dist. Millage 12 (.012)</u>	<u>Difference/Increase</u>
100,000	\$45.00	\$120.00	\$75.00
150,000	\$67.50	\$180.00	\$112.50
200,000	\$90.00	\$240.00	\$150.00
250,000	\$112.50	\$300.00	\$187.50
300,000	\$135.00	\$360.00	\$225.00

***Tax amounts based on a 10% assessment rate and only represent school portion of total taxes.**

If this vote proves successful, votes are certified, and the County Commission levies the new rate before the end of February, taxes will be collected at the higher rate for the 2023 tax year – collections beginning 10/1/2023.

The Tuscaloosa County Commission, Tax Assessor's Office, Tax Collector's Office, and the License Commissioner's Office will follow the law on procedures regarding the election, levying taxes, adjusting millage rates and collecting taxes. However, specific questions as to where the increased funds will be applied should be addressed to the County Board of Education.