

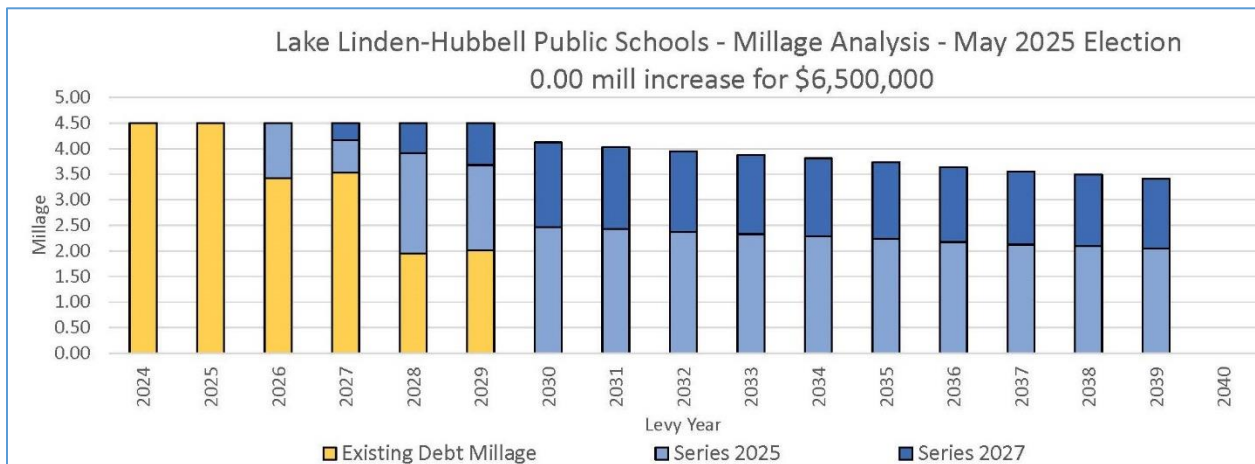
MAY 6, 2025 ELECTION – OVERVIEW OF PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL ONE (A Non-Homestead Tax – would NOT be levied on your primary home)

The first proposal will ask voters to **renew** Lake Linden-Hubbell School District’s current operating tax rate of 20.7543 mills. Only 18 mills of that rate can ever be levied in a given year, and the rate above 18 mills provides a cushion against possible future millage erosion which occurs when property values rise faster than the rate of inflation. The Lake Linden-Hubbell School District experienced a reduction like this just over three years ago and our District was only able to levy 16.3 mills causing us to lose out on just over \$100,000. So, in 2022, we asked voters to authorize an increase to 21 mills...and they did. That 3 mill cushion has eroded slightly down to the 20.7543 mill level and that’s what the District will ask voters to consider on May 6, 2025. Again, this millage is levied only on non-homestead properties, such as second homes, businesses, hunting properties and others located within the school district. It is not levied on owned primary residences or other properties currently exempt from assessment of school millage.

PROPOSAL TWO

Proposal Two differs from Proposal One in that, if approved, it would be levied on all property in the District. It would allow the District to issue bonds in the amount of up to \$6,500,000 to be repaid in up to fifteen years. In essence, Proposal Two would continue the current debt levy millage rate of 4.5 mills for a no-mill increase over the District’s current year debt levy. The estimated simple average millage required to repay the new bonds is 3.19 mills over the life of the bonds. Of that 4.5 mills, 1.08 mills would be for these new bonds, and the remainder would be for our existing bonds. As the millage needed for the existing debt declines, a bigger portion of that 4.5 mills would be used to repay the proposed new bonds.



The District is always striving to provide a safe and comfortable learning environment for all of its students. Earmarked for this potential project are infrastructure and safety improvements. There are three boilers that serve the high school and elementary buildings. Two of them are 33 years old and one is 29 years old. The boiler in the separate Tech Ed building is 27 years old. Age and efficiency are a concern. They are

near if not past their intended life expectancy. The elementary building was constructed in 1998 and the windows in it are original to the building. The same concerns as the boilers exist with them. The current security camera system has served us well for many years but is becoming antiquated.

If this bond proposal passes, the District would replace all the aforementioned boilers with modern, high efficiency systems, replace all of the windows in the elementary building, replace the entire security camera system, implement a new secure entry in the elementary building, remodel the first and second floor bathrooms in the elementary, remodel the second floor bathrooms in the high school, create an outdoor classroom/observatory near the water, construct a 2,500 square foot storage building, replace the PA systems in both buildings, install additional lighting on the playground, replace the hot water heaters in the high school, modernize the heating control systems in both buildings, do some renovations to the library and high school chemistry and science labs, replace the phone system throughout the district, purchase computers for K-12, upgrade some older wiring in the high school, replace older wood windows that remain in the high school, purchase some additional kitchen equipment, install security cameras at the bus garage and purchase two new school buses. That is a large portion of what this bond will accomplish if passed.

Taxable Value Growth History		
Year	Value	% Change
2024	\$156,027,705	8.23%
2023	144,116,023	6.72%
2022	135,045,055	5.95%
2021	127,464,859	4.43%
2020	122,057,771	3.64%
2019	117,768,044	
5-yr Average Growth Rate		5.79%

Levy	July Only
Millage Impact	
Projected	4.50
Current	4.50
Net Incr.	0.00

ESTIMATED MILLAGE NEEDED TO RETIRE BONDED DEBT

Tax Year	Fiscal Year	Existing UT Debt	Series 2025		Series 2027		Proposed and Existing UT Debt	Projected Tax Base	Growth Rate	Mills Needed	
			\$4,000,000 Total Debt Service	\$2,500,000 Total Debt Service	Total Debt	Service				All Qualified Debt	
2024	2025	\$682,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$702,125	\$156,027,705	8.23%	4.50		
2025	2026	680,200	122,656	0	0	726,699	161,488,675	3.50%	4.50		
2026	2027	672,000	166,000	0	0	748,500	166,333,335	3.00%	4.50		
2027	2028	668,200	166,000	86,747	770,955	770,955	171,323,335	3.00%	4.50		
2028	2029	383,600	346,000	103,750	794,084	794,084	176,463,035	3.00%	4.50		
2029	2030	374,400	303,530	148,750	817,505	817,505	181,756,926	3.00%	4.50		
2030	2031	0	457,513	306,883	758,509	758,509	185,392,065	2.00%	4.09		
2031	2032	0	459,855	303,375	757,876	757,876	189,099,906	2.00%	4.01		
2032	2033	0	456,575	304,660	755,990	755,990	192,881,904	2.00%	3.92		
2033	2034	0	457,880	305,530	758,281	758,281	196,739,542	2.00%	3.85		
2034	2035	0	458,563	305,985	759,504	759,504	200,674,333	2.00%	3.78		
2035	2036	0	458,623	306,025	759,695	759,695	204,687,820	2.00%	3.71		
2036	2037	0	453,060	305,650	753,853	753,853	208,781,576	2.00%	3.61		
2037	2038	0	452,083	304,860	752,217	752,217	212,957,207	2.00%	3.53		
2038	2039	0	455,483	303,655	754,515	754,515	217,216,352	2.00%	3.47		
2039	2040	0	453,053	302,035	750,542	750,542	221,560,679	2.00%	3.39		
2040	2041	0	0	0	0	0	225,991,892	2.00%	0.00		
		<u>\$3,461,000</u>	<u>\$5,666,871</u>	<u>\$3,387,904</u>	<u>\$12,120,851</u>						

[1] Includes capitalized interest for all or a portion of the May 1, 2026 and May 1, 2028 payments; subject to change
 [2] Mills to be levied are estimated, subject to change based on final interest rates and future taxable value growth

The election takes place on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. This election is an important one for the Lake Linden-Hubbell School District. We believe that members of our community need and deserve the information necessary in order to cast their vote.