



Shiawassee

Regional Education Service District

MILLAGE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is the Shiawassee RESD seeking a CTE millage?

- Shiawassee RESD relies completely on grant funding to run CTE programming. The RESD ranks 51st out of 56 ISDs in the State of Michigan for overall millage revenue. The RESD needs sustainable funding for CTE in order to stabilize existing CTE programming and grow future programming.

What is the CTE millage request?

- On August 2, 2022, the Shiawassee RESD is seeking a 10-year, 1 mill request to maintain and improve current CTE programs and introduce new, in-demand courses for high school students from Byron, Corunna, Durand, Laingsburg, Morrice, New Lothrop, Owosso and Perry.

How much would the CTE millage cost the average family?

- For the median household with a property value of \$122,300, the cost is equivalent to \$5.10 per month.

What would the RESD do if the millage were approved by the voters on August 2?

- The RESD would use the funding to:
 - Centralize CTE programming to make it more accessible to all Shiawassee students,
 - Provide assistance with transportation costs to the RESD CTE programs, and
 - Reduce the local school district tuition expense for the RESD CTE programming

What CTE programs does the RESD currently offer high school students?

- The RESD has 7 state approved CTE programs: Automotive, Criminal Justice, Culinary, Electrical, Health Science Academy, Automation Technology/Mechatronics, and Teaching Cadet.

Who can enroll in RESD CTE programs?

- Public, private and homeschool high school students in Grades 11 and 12 with the minimum GPA of 2.0 (2.5 for Auto and Criminal Justice) are eligible for RESD CTE programming.

Is the plan for Shiawassee RESD to build a career center if the millage passes?

- No, the RESD plans to find and refurbish an existing building that is student-friendly and easily accessible to all high school students in the county.





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What is the current cost to a family for a student to take an RESD CTE program?

- There is no cost to public school students or families to participate in an RESD CTE program, as the local district pays the students' CTE tuition. The RESD CTE programs provide internet devices, textbooks, field trips, tools and uniforms at no cost to students/families during the CTE course. The cost of assessments for employer recognized credentials earned during the CTE course is also free to students. Students complete RESD CTE programming completely debt free.

What can students earn in CTE programming?

- All CTE students have the opportunity to earn free college credit and no cost employer recognized credentials while exploring a career pathway of interest.

What are the benefits of CTE programming to students?

Students in CTE programming have:

- Higher graduation rates (95% compared to the State average of 81%), better earning potential due to the skills and credentials they earn, and
- High engagement with the hands on and work-based learning opportunities.

What are the benefits of CTE programming to the community?

- CTE programs deepen community ties with advisory committees, job shadows, mentoring and internships. In addition, CTE programs teach students professional skills through mock interviews, resume development, teamwork and problem-solving.

Would the RESD start any new CTE programs if the CTE millage was approved by voters?

- Yes, but the first step would be to stabilize existing RESD CTE programs and then implement new ones that were both needed in our community and desired by high school students. Some possible future programs could include:
 - Cybersecurity
 - Army JROTC
 - Welding, Brazing and Soldering
 - Small Engines

