



April 2020

Dear Registered Voter:

Portage Public Schools has been working hard to support our students and families during this difficult time for our country. Since schools around the state were ordered closed on March 16, 2020, our food service team has distributed more than 42,700 meals to students who normally count on school breakfast and lunch, as well as other families who may be struggling economically at this time. Our teachers have been reaching out, checking in with their students, and we have been providing learning resources for all of our students online and in print. We continue to work hard to make sure to give our students the best possible education under the circumstances.

During this unprecedented time, we now know that the May 5, 2020, election will be the first primarily mail-in election in state history due to the COVID 19 "Stay Home, Stay Safe" restrictions. One of the items you will see on your ballot is the county-wide Enhancement Millage renewal. This Enhancement Millage renewal is a vital part of our school district's budget. It provides about \$364 per student to our general fund budget. In Portage, that means an additional \$3.2 million dollars in revenue to support our students.

I would urge you to read the enclosed *Frequently Asked Question (FAQ)* document to learn more about this millage renewal before you vote.

If you have any questions, please contact us at communications@portageps.org

Thank you very much.

*Mark Bielang, Superintendent
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