



**NOTICE OF ELECTION
FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021**

To the qualified electors of the following school districts:
Birch Run Area School District, Freeland Community School District and Merrill Community School District

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special Election will be held in the Birch Run Area School District, Freeland Community School District and the Merrill Community School District on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following polling locations:

<u>BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP</u>	Precinct 1, 2 & 3 – The Knights of Columbus Hall, 11105 Dixie Hwy, Birch Run
<u>BRANT TOWNSHIP</u>	Precinct 1 – Marion Township Hall, 10925 S. Merrill Rd., Brant
<u>FRANKENLUST TOWNSHIP</u>	Precinct 1 - Township Hall, 2401 Delta Rd., Bay City
<u>FREMONT TOWNSHIP</u>	Precinct 1 - Township Hall, 5980 S. Hemlock Rd., Hemlock
<u>JONESFIELD TOWNSHIP</u>	Precinct 1 - Township Hall, 217 Eddy St., Merrill
<u>KOCHVILLE TOWNSHIP</u>	Precinct 1 – Freeland Sports Zone, 5690 Midland Rd..
<u>LAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP</u>	Precinct 1 – Jonesfield Township Hall, 217 Eddy St., Merrill
<u>MARION TOWNSHIP</u>	Precinct 1 - Township Hall, 10925 S. Merrill Rd., Brant
<u>RICHLAND TOWNSHIP</u>	Precinct 2 - Freeland Sports Zone, 5690 Midland Rd.
<u>TAYMOUTH TOWNSHIP</u>	Precinct 1 & 2 - Community Center, 4343 E. Birch Run Rd., Birch Run
<u>THOMAS TOWNSHIP</u>	Precinct 1 - Fire Station No 2, 9970 Dice Rd.
<u>TITTABAWASSEE TOWNSHIP</u>	Precinct 1, 2, 3 & 4 Freeland Sports Zone, 5690 Midland Rd.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the qualified electors of the Birch Run Area School District, Freeland Community School District and the Merrill Community School District will vote on the following proposals and any other proposals which may appear on the ballot at that time:

Birch Run Area Schools Operating Millage Proposal - This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Birch Run Area Schools, Saginaw and Genesee Counties, Michigan, be increased by 18.5 mills (\$18.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2021 to 2025, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes (18 mills of the above is a renewal of millage that expired with the 2020 tax levy and .5 mill is the addition of millage which will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963); the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2021 is approximately \$2,320,000?

Freeland Community School District Sinking Fund Millage Proposal - Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Freeland Community School District, Saginaw, Midland and Bay Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 2 mills (\$2.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 8 years, 2021 to 2028, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2021 is approximately \$891,702?

Merrill Community School District School Bond Proposal - Shall the Merrill Community School District, Counties of Saginaw, Midland and Gratiot, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Five Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,200,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of: Remodeling existing School District buildings, including security, roofs, toilet rooms, electrical, mechanical and plumbing improvements; equipping, furnishing, reequipping and refurbishing School District buildings and acquiring buses; improving and developing sites, including playground improvements; and acquiring and installing technology equipment? The estimated millage to be levied in 2021 to service this issue of bonds is 1.06 mills (\$1.06 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds of this issue is 2.24 mills (\$2.24 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The bonds may be issued in one or more series, payable in the case of each series in not to exceed 12 years from the date of issue of such series. The School District currently has \$13,125,000 of qualified bonds outstanding and \$ 0 qualified loans outstanding under the State School Bond Qualification and Loan Program. The School District does not expect to borrow from the program to pay debt service on these bonds. The millage rate may change based on changes in circumstances. (Under State law, bond proceeds may not be used to pay teacher or administrator salaries, routine maintenance or repair costs or other School District operating expenses.)

(Full text of all proposals available at: <http://www.saginawcounty.com/Clerk> or the county or local township clerks' offices)

Sample ballots may be viewed at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/>

Vote by Mail – All registered voters have the right to vote by mail. Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact their local City or Township Clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot. If you are registered to vote in Michigan and have a valid Michigan driver's license or state ID you may apply online for an Absent Voter Ballot or download an application at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/>

Your local Township Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Frankenlust Twp will be open until 5:00 p.m.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

This notice is given as required by law MCL 168.653a
Vanessa Guerra, Saginaw County Clerk