NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE TAX FACTS – May 8 Election

1. Homeowners vote on the tax. But homeowners don’t pay for it.

2. The tax is on non-homestead properties. It is paid only by people who have second homes here and by certain businesses: apartments and rental homes, vacant land, and commercial and industrial properties.

3. If land is being actively farmed, the property owner is allowed an Agriculture Exemption, which is the same as a Principal Residence Exemption. Farmers with an Agriculture Exemption do not pay the non-homestead 18 operating mills.

4. The majority of money collected goes for basic programs, instruction and learning.

5. This is not an added tax or a new tax. It reinstates the tax on businesses and second homes that was approved in 1994. That’s when businesses and industry received a substantial reduction in their tax rate.

6. At the same time, Proposal A reduced property taxes for homeowners. This is when we saw the change in the state sales tax.

7. The non-homestead 18 mills generates $2.525 million per year for the district – 12% of the district’s budget.