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**CLARKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES
FY 21 BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATE HEARINGS**

**Millage Rate to Stay at 20 Mills, Although Property Taxes
on Some Homes Will Increase**

Athens, Georgia — The Clarke County Board of Education gave tentative approval to the fiscal year 2021 budget of \$164,080,447 on May 21, 2020, based on the continuance of the tentative millage rate of 20 mills.

Due to the district’s millage rate being higher than the rollback rate (the rate that would be used to produce the same amount of taxes collected last year), the hearing schedule is detailed below, as required by state law. There is an expected increase of 5.47 percent for property taxes levied in 2020. While the millage rate for the school district is to remain at the tentative 20 mills, this estimate would, in effect, increase overall collection by 1.086 mills.

All meetings will be held using video conferencing through the website <http://www.zoom.us> (see meeting IDs and passwords below). Written comments can be emailed to palmerli@clarke.k12.ga.us prior to the meetings. These meetings can also be accessed by calling 646-876-9923 and using the meeting IDs provided for the respective time.

Date	Meeting	Time	Meeting ID	Password
June 9, 2020	Millage Rate Hearing	1:00 p.m.	921 7332 1098	970935
June 9, 2020	Budget Hearing	5:30 p.m.	978 7353 6653	922447
June 9, 2020	Millage Rate Hearing	6:00 p.m.	963 9664 2515	089963
June 16, 2020	Budget Hearing	5:30 p.m.	940 8518 7166	149082
June 16, 2020	Millage Rate Hearing	6:00 p.m.	989 6187 6644	039659

Each year, the assessed value for the taxable property in Athens-Clarke County is recalculated, and the board of tax assessors is required by law to reassess values based on fair market value. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$225,000 is approximately \$86.88, and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$250,000 is approximately \$108.60.

The Board of Education is scheduled to give final approval to the proposed budget and millage rate at a called board meeting on June 25, 2020, at 6 p.m. The link for this meeting will be published on the Clarke County School District website at <http://www.clarke.k12.ga.us>.

Additional information on the budget is available at www.clarke.k12.ga.us/budget.

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