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**CCSD ANNOUNCES UPCOMING
BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE**

Millage Rate Remains Unchanged at 20 mills

May 20, 2021

(ATHENS, GA)- The Clarke County Board of Education (CCSD) gave tentative approval to the fiscal year 2022 budget of \$171,151,760 on May 13, 2021, based on the continuance of the tentative millage rate of 20 mills.

As required by state law, the hearing schedule is indicated below due to the district's millage rate being higher than the rollback rate – that is, the rate that would be used to produce the same amount of taxes collected last year. There is an expected increase of 5.98% for property taxes levied in 2021, and 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 1.128 mills.

Each year, the assessed value for 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 \$90.24. The proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$250,000 is approximately \$124.08.

More detailed budget information is available at: www.clarke.k12.ga.us/Page/2334.

All meetings will be held using Zoom video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> (see meeting IDs and passwords below) or by calling 470-381-2552 and using the meeting IDs provided for the respective times. Written comments are also accepted via email to Lisa Palmer at palmerli@clarke.k12.ga.us prior to the meetings.

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Our Vision: Building a culture of high expectations and equity in which all students grow academically and socially to improve our community and our world.
Our Mission: The Clarke County School District is an ambitious community of learners in a diverse and culturally rich county. We are committed to equity and excellence through the implementation of rigorous standards in a safe and supportive environment — on every campus, in every classroom, and for every child.

Following is the meeting schedule for the budget and millage rate hearings:

Date	Meeting	Time	Meeting ID	Password
May 21, 2021	Budget Presentation & Millage Rate Hearing	6:00 PM	941 2904 5095	096282
June 1, 2021	Budget Presentation & Millage Rate Hearing	6:00 PM	974 2129 2428	890148
June 3, 2021	Millage Rate Hearing	5:00 PM	959 7784 8514	543737

The Board is scheduled to give final approval to the proposed budget and millage rate at a called board meeting on June 10, 2021, at 6 p.m. This meeting will be held using video conferencing via Zoom video conferencing. The meeting link will be published on the Clarke County School District website at: www.clarke.k12.ga.us.

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