



Opinion > Editorials

Our view: Supporting our youth

[Print Page](#)

by Midland Daily News

Published: Wednesday, May 6, 2009 11:35 AM EDT

After a sometimes heated runup to the May 5 school board election, Midland County voters came back with a satisfying result: A resounding "Yes" to the countywide enhancement millage.

With a turnout that was high for a school election (13.3 percent versus a more typical 2 percent), voters comfortably approved the 1.5 mill levy for the four school districts in Midland County.

No one came forward in the campaigning leading up to the election and said "Please raise my taxes," and in many cases there were plenty of hard questions for local superintendents and school officials about how the money would be spent.

In the end, however, voters supported their local schools and agreed to dig a little deeper into already lean wallets to support the children of our county.

We are heartened to live in an area that walks a fine line of fiscal responsibility and unwavering support of our youngest members.

Even with this millage, every school in our county will have to make some tough decisions for next year. After \$14 million in cuts over the last five years and millions more to come, no district will be living high off the proverbial hog.

But thanks to the voters, our children will be able to continue their educations to the best of their abilities, not in spite of their lack of textbooks, technologies or transportation to and from school.

Way to go Midland County voters.

Copyright © 2009 - Midland Daily News

[\[x\] Close Window](#)