

COMMUNITY UPDATE – ALGONAC COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

We have reached the homestretch!! Spring is an extremely busy time for the students and staff of Algonac Community Schools. Our State testing cycle has begun at both Algonquin and Algonac Jr./Sr. High. Students are working hard and making a great effort on the tests. Thanks to all of the parents that are encouraging their students to achieve at their highest level.

Information is being distributed regarding the May 7th Non-Homestead Operating Millage. This ballot proposal calls for the renewal and restoration of the 18 operating mills that is currently assessed on Non Homestead properties. This millage does not apply to a homeowner's primary residence and, therefore, will not reflect any increase in local school taxes for primary dwellings. This millage generates dollars that the State assumes when establishing annual district funding. Failure of the proposal would result in the loss of approximately 3.9 million dollars (roughly 25%) of annual school funding. Again, it is important to note, this is **not** a new tax and it does **not** generate additional funding, it merely makes up the dollars that the State assumes by will be collected. For more information on this topic, you can find a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document at the Algonac Community Schools website home page. Don't forget to vote!!

Starting on Wednesday, April 24, the Algonac Robotics team will be competing at the World competition at Cobo Hall in Detroit. Students from elementary level all the way through high school will be participating. Over 1400 teams representing 74 countries will gather in Detroit to take part in the competition. It truly is a great accomplishment for our teams from Algonac to compete at this elite level. Good luck Algonac Robotics!!!

With summer break on the horizon, Algonac Community Schools will be starting some much needed renovations. The Algonac Jr./Sr. High roof project is on target to start the first day of summer vacation. Roof work will be done throughout the summer with the anticipated completion date sometime in August. Also, computer labs in each building are on target to be replaced this summer. This upgrade will benefit our students by providing them with up to date technology. These two projects will be the main focus of our summer work here at Algonac Community Schools.

I wish everyone a great end of the school year.....please encourage your students to finish strong and make good decisions. Thank you all for your care and continued support of Algonac Community Schools.

Al Latosz, Superintendent