

PRESS RELEASE
Relative to FY 2020 Budget
July 11, 2019

The Newton County Board of Education has adopted a 2019-2020 budget based on a total millage rate of 20.00 mills: 20.00 mills for the operational budget and 0 mills for debt service. This millage rate is the same as the millage rate that was adopted by the Board last year.

Although the budget adopted by the Board of Education does not reflect a total millage increase, legislation states that if the M&O millage rate is not reduced by the same percentage that the digest increased due to reassessment (6.91%), the public must be notified that the Board is increasing taxes. That is the purpose of this notice.

Further, since the Board is not reducing the millage rate, in accordance with *The Taxpayer Bill of Rights*, the Board of Education will hold three public hearings relative to the FY 2020 budget, the millage rates, and the increase in property taxes on the following dates and times: Tuesday, July 23 at 8:15 a.m.; Tuesday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. All meetings will be held in the E. Wendell Clamp Board Room at the Newton County Board of Education Administrative Offices located at 2109 Newton Drive, Covington, Georgia.