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BGR Examines Proposed Orleans School Tax Renewals

Today BGR releases *On the Ballot: Orleans Parish School Tax Renewals, October 14, 2017*. Orleans Parish voters will decide whether to renew three property taxes for public schools. The tax renewals are 10-year millages dedicated to:

- Purpose A (1.55 mills): textbooks, instructional equipment and materials, library books and school supplies.
- Purpose B (1.55 mills): programs for improving discipline and decreasing dropouts
- Purpose C (7.27 mills): salaries, fringe benefits and productivity incentives for employees.

Though the tax renewals will appear as three separate items on the ballot, this report analyzes them together because they have the common purpose of paying for school operations. The report and a one-page summary are available on BGR's website, www.bgr.org.

BGR Position

FOR. Renewing the three millages would preserve significant, reliable funding streams for school books, materials and supplies, discipline and dropout prevention, and employee compensation. These are some of the most basic operational needs for successful schools. The tax renewals

would stabilize funding toward execution of the unification plan and protect against disruption of positive trends in academic gains. In addition, the School Board has maintained its solid performance as the financial steward for all public schools and continues to enhance its budget transparency and oversight of public funds.

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