

## TAX FACTS

### KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

8/12/2019

1. Citizens approved two millage referendums that fund Kirtland operations:
  - a. The first was in 1966 for 1.0 mills which has been reduced to about .84 mills by Headly legislation.
  - b. The second was in 1991 when voters approved an additional 1.5 mills for college operations. This has also been reduced by Headly legislation to about 1.27 mills.
  - c. Both millages are for operations, not for buildings, and are permanent.
2. Citizens approved two millage referendums for capital improvements/building improvements.
  - a. The first was in 1995 when voters approved a referendum to pay a 4.0-million-dollar bond for additions to two buildings on the Roscommon Campus. In addition to the 4.0 million dollars, the state contributed funds and the college used reserves to fund the approximate 7.5-million-dollar project. This millage expired in 2015.
  - b. The second was in 2014 when voters approved a 20 year .12 millage to pay for a portion of the cost of construction of the Kirtland-Grayling campus. The millage amount was the same as voters had been paying in 2013 for the 1995 bond payments. The college also used reserves and bonds to pay for the cost of construction.
3. The college does not have the authority to collect taxes beyond those listed above.
4. The Kirtland-Gaylord campus was constructed using state grant funds totaling 4.1 million dollars.
5. Citizens have not paid increased taxes to construct the Kirtland-West Branch building. The building was purchased and remodeled using college reserves.
6. Citizens of Otsego County pay a .98 millage for college operations in their county. This provides students residing in the county the ability to attend classes in Kirtland-Gaylord at in-district tuition rates. When students attend classes online, the Kirtland-Roscommon location or the Kirtland-Grayling campus, they pay out-of-district tuition which is about 150 percent of the in-district rate.
7. State funds paid for a portion of the second building on the Kirtland-Grayling campus and the rest was paid for with reserves and bonds. This will not result in a tax increase to citizens
8. Kirtland has taxpayers with residences in 42 zip codes. They live in most of five counties and parts of four others.
9. The state of Michigan provides an allocation to Kirtland that amounts to about 20 percent of its budget.
10. The taxes paid to Kirtland for operational expenses have been remarkably stable through a number of years ranging from about 2.1 to 2.2 mills in recent years. In comparison, taxpayers pay 18 mills for the operation of local schools.
11. The total taxes paid to Kirtland are 2.11 mills for operations and .12 for the construction of the first building on the Kirtland-Grayling campus.
12. The 2014 millage referendum provided Kirtland the option of spending tax funds for the construction of the Grayling campus and repairs and remodeling on the Roscommon Campus. It has expended funds for both purposes.