



Climax-Scotts *Community Schools*

Climax-Scotts Community Members:

There is an important school issue on the **February 28, 2012 voting ballot!**

It is the **RENEWAL** of the **18-mill non-homestead tax**. The non-homestead tax is **not a new tax**; it originated in 1994 with the passing of Proposal A. The tax covers all property that is not homestead or qualified agricultural property. If you own one home within the Climax-Scotts School District, the tax would not pertain to you. The non-homestead tax covers homeowners of *more than one home* within the district and businesses.

The non-homestead **RENEWAL** is extremely important to the school district. It is included as part of the State's Foundation Allowance that is paid for each student and if it was not renewed it would cost the district approximately \$260,000, which would not be made up by the State. These are funds used for general fund operating expenses and the loss of them would have catastrophic consequences. Please look for, and vote, on the school district's non-homestead **RENEWAL** ballot question.

Thank you to our business owner friends who have generously supported our schools with this tax, and remember; we are voting on a **renewal, not a new tax** and **not an increase**.

Douglas P. Newington
Superintendent