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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It has been brought to our attention that there is currently a phone survey circulating throughout our county regarding a millage increase to help support a CTE (Career Technical Education) millage. This millage survey is being conducting by the ISD in hopes of gaining your support for either 1 or 2 new CTE centers in the county and is NOT being initiated by Constantine Public Schools. In response to the survey, we wish to share with you the following information;

1. This initiative by the ISD/CTE program is in NO way related to the Constantine bond renewal that we asked voters to pass in November and will ask again to pass in May. They are two entirely separate issues and one has no bearing on the other.
2. The Constantine bond initiative comes at NO tax increase to our community and is simply money that has been saved as a result of refinancing our current bond. In accordance with the law, we must ask our community for permission to use the money that was saved to upgrade our facilities and that continues to be our intentions. This initiative failed by 11 votes in November and it is our goal to put this on the ballot in May in hopes for a better result. The district is in need of some major upgrades to facilities and we hope to have bond money to support these projects
3. The ISD/CTE millage will increase taxes around the county. This is not something that will just affect Constantine but will affect the county as a whole. Constantine schools fully supports our CTE programs in terms of the training and support our students receive, however, we don't necessarily support an initiative that would increase the taxes of our community. While a CTE center would be 'nice to have,' we do not believe it is a 'have to have' at the added expense to our community at this time. CTE is currently operating efficiently and this is not imperative for the program to continue to be extremely valuable to our students.

Once again, this letter is meant to inform you that there is no correlation between the CTE millage that you may hear about and Constantine Public Schools bond initiative. The main difference between the two is that the Constantine bond will be a Zero (0) tax increase to our community and the CTE millage will be a tax increase. If you have questions regarding any of this information, please feel free to contact me at 269-435-8900 or stwilson@constps.org.

Sincerely,

Steve Wilson
Superintendent
Constantine Public Schools