

Vote No! On the 20 year Macomb Community College Massive Tax Increase

Dear Editor:

Macomb Community College (MCC) politicians are trying to impose a massive, 20 year property tax increase of \$38 million a year when the College has been taking an inflation rate increase plus additional tax revenue from new homes and businesses every year¹. MCC receives substantial State money and student tuition increases.

Workers and businesses do not get a guaranteed inflation rate increase plus new growth every year. Seven recent Headlee tax rate roll backs for MCC demonstrates how rapidly Macomb County's existing and new homes and businesses are increasing the tax base. Macomb County's new \$250,000 to \$1 million homes, new businesses and new business equipment generate millions in new taxes.

Macomb College Politicians are holding taxpayers hostage by indecently combining a renewal and a tax increase in one sentence! MCC Politicians should respect taxpayers by giving them a choice of a separate tax renewal and separate tax increase proposal—for no more than 8 years each not 20 years! The tax increase proposals should be on the November ballot when most people vote, not the May 8.

Macomb Community College has a spending problem. MCC can avoid tax increases requiring salaried Professors to teach more hours, require MCC employees to pay more money into their health and retirement plans and offer more on-line internet courses. Vote NO! On the 20 year, \$38 million a year tax increase for obsolete and underused brick classrooms.

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¹ [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/what is the headlee amendment and how does it affect local taxes](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/what_is_the_headlee_amendment_and_how_does_it_affect_local_taxes)