



GALIEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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# Board Hearing

**July 6, 2015**  
Berrien RESA

# Galien Twp. Schools Board of Education

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## Administrators:

- ▶ Dr. Kevin Ivers-Acting Superintendent
- ▶ Maria Thompson-Business Director

# Dissolution of a School District

- ▶ Revised School Code Secs. 380.921, 380.922
- ▶ 3-year process
- ▶ Consolidation (form a new district)
- ▶ Annexation (combine with a contiguous school district- Buchanan Community Schools and/or River Valley School District)
- ▶ Reopen and operate

# **Galien Township School District Dissolution Timeline**

**Revised School Code Sections 380.921, 380.922**

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|-------------------------|---|
| <b>June 10, 2015</b>    | <b>1-year period after 2-years of not operating expires. (Sec. 380.921)</b>   |
| <b>June 23, 2015</b>    | <b>Berrien RESA board sends notice of hearing to board secretaries of River Valley School District and Buchanan Community Schools</b>   |
| <b>July 6, 2015</b>     | <b>Berrien RESA board holds hearing</b>   |
| <b>By Aug. 5, 2015</b>  | <b>Berrien RESA board issues written order to attach Galien Twp. School District to River Valley School District and/or Buchanan School District. Board secretaries of River Valley and Buchanan notified. (Meeting date TBD)</b> |
| <b>By Aug. 25, 2015</b> | <b>River Valley School District and Buchanan Community Schools complies with Berrien RESA order or appeals to State Board of Education for review</b>   |
| <b>By Nov. 23, 2015</b> | <b>State Board of Education confirms order or holds hearing on basis of appeal from River Valley School District and/or Buchanan Community Schools</b>  |
| <b>By Jan. 22, 2016</b> | <b>State Board of Education ratifies or amends Berrien RESA order</b>   |

# Current School District Millage Rates

	# of mills				
	State Ed. Tax	Non-Homestead	Sinking Fund	Debt Retirement	Total
Buchanan	6	18	0.8	4.2	29
River Valley	6	18	0.5	0	24.5
Galien Twp.	6	18	0	2.2	26.2
Buchanan			exp. 2024	exp. 2017, 2022, 2032	
River Valley			exp. 2019		
Galien Twp.				exp. 2021	
				refinanced 3/2015	

# Separate Taxing Unit

“If a dissolved school district has outstanding debt, the dissolved school district shall continue as a separate taxing unit for the limited purpose of the debt until the debt is retired or refunded.”

Revised School Code Sec. 380.12 (3)

# **Galien Twp. Students to Other Districts**

- ▶ Berrien RESA- 8
- ▶ Berrien Springs Public Schools- 8
- ▶ Buchanan Community Schools- 174
- ▶ New Buffalo Area Schools- 11
- ▶ Niles Community Schools- 15
- ▶ River Valley School District- 87
- ▶ Watervliet Public Schools- 5
- ▶ Total = 328

# New School District Millage Rates for Galien Twp. Schools Residents

	# of mills					
	State Ed. Tax	Non-Homestead	Sinking Fund	Debt Retirement	Galien Debt Retirement	Total
Buchanan	6	18	0.8	4.2	2.2	31.2
River Valley	6	18	0.5	0	2.2	26.7
Buchanan			exp. 2024	exp. 2017, 2022, 2032		
River Valley			exp. 2019			
Galien Twp.					exp. 2021	
					refinanced 3/2015	



# Millage Rate Changes

Former Galien Twp. Schools residents who now reside in:

- ▶ Buchanan Community Schools, + 5 mills
- ▶ River Valley School District, + .5 mills

# Millage Rate Calculation

- ▶ 1 mill =  $1/1000$  or .001
- ▶  $\frac{1}{2}$  mill =  $.5/1000$  or .0005
  
- ▶ SEV x Millage Rate = Property Tax
  
- ▶ Examples:
  - ▶ \$100,000 property x 1 mill (.001) = \$100 property tax
  - ▶ \$100,000 property x  $\frac{1}{2}$  mill (.0005) = \$50 property tax

# District Division Options

<u>Cleveland Ave.</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
Parcels	854	986
Acreage	11,763	19,764
SEV	\$53,474,068	\$94,927,233

  

<u>Gardner Rd.</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
Parcels	1,090	750
Acreage	16,697	14,831
SEV	\$76,908,859	\$71,492,442

**Questions?**

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