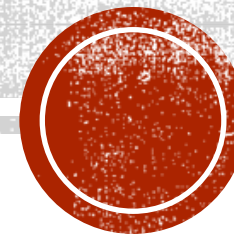




WHY WE NEED A HALF-CENT SALES TAX FOR OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

Supporting
education
through
community
investment and
funding



WHAT IS A HALF-CENT SALES TAX?

- It is a .5% sales surtax – sales tax will go from 7% to 7.5%
 - State sales tax 6%. County sales tax 1%
- ½ penny on every dollar
- It applies to most retail purchases- does not apply to groceries, prescription medications, and other exempt items



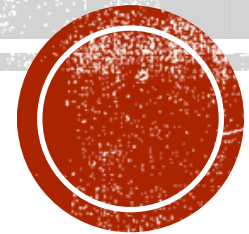
SALES SURTAX CAP

- The half-cent sales tax only applies to the **first \$5,000 of a single purchase**
- Buying a vehicle, boat or other expensive item? You are only going to pay **\$25.00** in additional taxes





REVENUE POTENTIAL



Calculated by the Florida Department of Revenue's Office of Tax Research

Local Discretionary Sales Surtax

Revenue Estimates for the Local Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2026

Refer to the Table Notes for Instructions on Using These Estimates

Local Government	1% Tax Rate - Default Formula		1% Tax Rate - Interlocal Agreement	
	Distribution Percentage	Estimated Distribution	Distribution Percentage	Estimated Distribution
TAYLOR BOCC	71.797125	\$ 2,624,974		
Perry	28.202875	\$ 1,031,125		
Countywide Total	100.000000	\$ 3,656,099		

- To offset revenue losses resulting from the mill closure and three hurricanes.

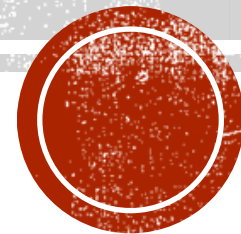


- Less than 50% of Taylor County residents pay property taxes
- The half-cent sales tax would capture all residents as well as tourists and commuters who dine in our restaurants, shop in our businesses, stay in our hotels and rent properties in town and along our beaches.
- Renewal of existing .25 mill operating levy will also be on the November ballot
 - Ours is one of the lowest in the state





WHAT CAN THE FUNDS BE USED FOR?





Facility Upgrades

Replacement of heating and cooling systems, roof repairs, classroom renovations and resurfacing of traffic areas. Construction, remodeling and renovation of school facilities.

Safety Enhancements

Installation of secure entry points, fencing, and upgraded surveillance for the continued safety of students and staff.

Technology Improvements

Investment in modern hardware and software for students and teachers along with network & server upgrades. \$500,000 annually.

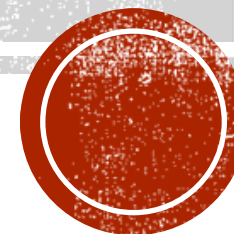
Transportation Improvements

Replacement of aging school buses. \$183,000 each.

****Florida Statute Section 212.055(6) requires sales surtax revenues to be used for capital outlay projects.**



FINANCIAL IMPACT TO FAMILIES



NON-TAXABLE ITEMS

- **Food & groceries:** unprepared food
- **Medical items:** prescription medications, medical supplies, wheelchairs, hearing aids
- **Household safety:** smoke detectors, fire alarms, fire extinguishers
- **Baby products:** diapers, baby food
- **Agriculture items:** seeds, fertilizers
- **Services:** legal, accounting & medical



COST TO FAMILIES

For the average citizen,
the cost would be
approximately \$66 per
year, or roughly \$5.50 per
month.



\$0.10 for \$20 of
pizza.



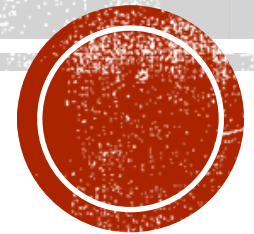
\$4.00 for a \$800
refrigerator



\$25.00 for a
vehicle over
\$5,000



MISCONCEPTIONS



\$3,000,000 STATE APPROPRIATION



The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3489

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Normal school operational costs for faculty and staff. Estimated amounts.	2,400,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Emergency shelter and school supplies and equipment. Estimated amounts.	600,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000



OTHER MISCONCEPTIONS

- Artificial turf & track- this was an appropriation that was filed for through the State and had nothing to do with the half-cent sales tax.
- Salaries- cannot be paid with sales tax revenue.
- Budget management- audit report with zero findings and cut general fund expenses 7.5% over the last two years. We are down 37 positions over a two-year period as well.



**THE HALF-CENT SALES TAX WOULD GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO
STRENGTHEN OUR SCHOOLS, SUPPORT OUR TEACHERS, AND BUILD A
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STUDENT. YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE SALES TAX HELPS MAKE THAT
FUTURE POSSIBLE.**

