



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF GADSDEN COUNTY

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LEGAL NOTICE

The SCHOOL BOARD OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, announces its Tentative Budget Hearing, to which all interested persons are invited and opened to the public.

DATE: Tuesday, August 5, 2025

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: School Board Meeting Room
Max D. Walker School Administration Building
35 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Quincy, Florida

PURPOSE OF TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING: For Board members to have the tentative budget hearing for the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2025 – 2026; and other such business as may be ready for consideration.

A copy of this agenda may be obtained by writing to, or otherwise contacting: The School Board of Gadsden County, Florida, Attention: Mr. Elijah Key, Superintendent of Schools, 35 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Quincy, Florida 32351.

Notice is hereby given that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings are made, which records would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2025 A.D.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The District School Board of Gadsden County will soon consider a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy

A. Initially proposed tax levy	\$ <u>14,726,898</u>
B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes	\$ <u>132,185</u>
C. Actual property tax levy	\$ <u>14,594,713</u>

This year's proposed tax levy	\$ <u>15,271,806</u>
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A portion of the tax levy is required under state law in order for the School Board to receive \$24,131,640 in state education grants.

The required portion has decreased by 1.01 percent, and represents approximately six-tenths of the total proposed taxes.

The remainder of the taxes is proposed solely at the discretion of the School Board.

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on August 5, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the School Board Chambers at the Gadsden County School Board, Walker Administration Building, 35 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Quincy, Florida.

A DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

2025-2026 BUDGET SUMMARY

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF GADSDEN COUNTY

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF GADSDEN COUNTY ARE 22% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVY			
REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT (including Prior Period Adjustment Millage)	3.0000	BASIC DISCRETIONARY OPERATING	0.7480
BASIC DISCRETIONARY CAPITAL OUTLAY	1.5000		
TOTAL MILLAGE			5.2480

REVENUES	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Federal	123,000.00	7,001,737.60			7,124,737.60
State Sources	31,485,958.73	7,732,807.09	201,366.62	627,686.69	40,047,819.13
Local Sources	11,406,769.70	50,000.00		3,936,649.76	15,393,419.46
TOTAL REVENUES	43,015,728.43	14,784,544.69	201,366.62	4,564,336.45	62,565,976.19
Transfers In			201,366.62		201,366.62
Other Financing Sources	0.00			32,794,471.00	32,794,471.00
FUND BALANCES - (July 1, 2025)	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00		300,000.00	4,300,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES AND BALANCES	45,015,728.43	16,784,544.69	402,733.24	37,658,807.45	99,861,813.81
EXPENDITURES					
Instruction	21,411,986.94	7,687,961.69			29,099,948.63
Pupil Personnel Services	799,139.14	770,663.06			1,569,802.20
Instructional Media Services	189,583.32	0.00			189,583.32
Instructional & Curriculum Development Services	789,504.94	1,750,318.99			2,539,823.93
Instructional Staff Training	115,307.16	1,159,200.86			1,274,508.02
Instructional Related Technology	389,061.50	0.00			389,061.50
Board of Education	1,318,510.31	0.00			1,318,510.31
General Administration	600,000.00	793.54			600,793.54
School Administration	3,210,463.51	200,228.01			3,410,691.52
Facilities Acquisition Construction	384,719.87	0.00		32,794,471.00	33,179,190.87
Fiscal Services	600,000.00	0.00			600,000.00
Food Service	74,510.18	4,706,261.82			4,780,772.00
Central Services	452,736.43	189,474.18			642,210.61
Pupil Transportation Services	4,312,563.83	1,561.73			4,314,125.56
Operation of Plant	5,453,465.05	37,633.75			5,491,098.80
Maintenance of Plant	1,987,905.62	0.00			1,987,905.62
Administrative Technology Services	979,070.95	0.00			979,070.95
Community Services	0.00	0.00			0.00
Debt Services	0.00	80,058.50	402,733.24		482,791.74
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	43,068,528.75	16,584,156.13	402,733.24	32,794,471.00	92,849,889.12
Transfers Out	201,366.62	0.00			201,366.62
FUND BALANCES - (June 30, 2026)	1,745,833.06	200,388.56		4,864,336.45	6,810,558.07
TOTAL EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, & BALANCES	45,015,728.43	16,784,544.69	402,733.24	37,658,807.45	99,861,813.81

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGET ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The District School Board of Gadsden County will soon consider a measure to continue to impose a 1.500 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the School Board's proposed tax of 3.7480 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the School Board.

THE PROPOSED COMBINED SCHOOL BOARD TAX INCREASE FOR BOTH OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY IS SHOWN IN THE ADJACENT NOTICE

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately \$4,190,434 to be used for the following projects:

CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING

- PK-8 School

- General construction and remodeling district-wide

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR

- Reimbursement of the maintenance, renovation, and repairs paid through the General Fund as permitted by Florida Statute.

- General maintenance, renovation, and repair district-wide

MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES

- Purchase up to five (5) school buses

- Purchase up to sixteen (16) vehicles for the Maintenance and Facilities Department

NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER AND DEVICE HARDWARE AND OPERATING SYSTEM SOFTWARE NECESSARY FOR GAINING ACCESS TO OR ENHANCING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC AND DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT AND RESOURCES, AND ENTERPRISE RESOURCE SOFTWARE

- Purchase school furniture and equipment for the new PK-8 School

- Purchase software district-wide

PAYMENT OF LOANS APPROVED PURSUANT TO SS. 1011.14 AND 1011.15, F.S.

- Loan through Truist Bank

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL AND ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Insurance premiums on district facilities

CHARTER SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS PURSUANT TO S. 1013.64(2), F.S.

RENOVATION, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

PAYMENT OF THE COST OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE SCHOOL FACILITIES

COMPUTER AND DEVICE HARDWARE AND OPERATING SYSTEM SOFTWARE

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in the **School Board Chambers at the Gadsden County School Board, Walker
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