

GADSDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Half Cent Sales Tax Initiative
November 2026 Ballot

Myths vs. Facts

- 1. Myth: “This is just another property tax increase.”**
Fact: This is not a tax on property. Property tax rates would not change. It is limited sales tax paid gradually through purchases made by residents and visitors to the county.
- 2. Myth: “Low-income families will be hit the hardest.”**
Fact: Many essentials such as groceries, rent, and prescriptions are exempt in Florida. Sales taxes also allow visitors and non-residents to share the cost.
- 3. Myth: “The school district can spend the money however it wants.”**
Fact: The money is legally restricted to the voter-approved purposes and subject to audits and public oversight.
- 4. Myth: “The tax will never end.”**
Fact: The tax has a 15-year expiration date and must be approved by voters to continue after this time frame is up.
- 5. Myth: “The state should pay for everything.”**
Fact: State funding is not sufficient to cover local needs such as facility repairs and safety improvements. Local funding allows local control and faster solutions.
- 6. Myth: “This won’t really help my child.”**
Fact: Funds are used to improve safety, facilities, learning tools, and programs that directly impact students’ daily school experience.
- 7. Myth: “We’ve approved money before and nothing changed.”**
Fact: A sales tax initiative for the school system has never been approved in Gadsden County. The lack of funding for facilities has greatly impacted the conditions of our school facilities.