



# MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Capital Account

**Pays for buildings & capital improvements**

*Includes Repairs, Maintenance,  
Renovations, Technology, Buses,  
Vehicles, New Construction*



## **MISSION**

Educate all students for success

## **VISION**

A dynamic educational system of excellence

12 elementary schools

5 middle schools

3 traditional high schools

2 alternative schools

18,719 Students

2,231 Full Time Employees

1,172 Teachers

# COMMUNITY . . .

## Expectations regarding School Facilities & Capital Assets:

- ◆ Well maintained school buildings and athletic facilities
- ◆ Equitable maintenance, renovation & repair across District
- ◆ Secure school campuses
- ◆ Operational school buses & vehicles
- ◆ Adequate technology equipment (*computers, connections*)
- ◆ Fiscally conservative
- ◆ Accountability

## Tallahassee approves or designates:

- ◆ **Size** (*capacity*) of a school based on type (*Elem, Middle, High*)
- ◆ **Building Specifications**
- ◆ **Specific components**
- ◆ **Construction costs limits**
- ◆ **Necessary systems**

Tallahassee defines school choice to include the ability for any Florida student, including those that reside outside of a District, to attend any Florida public school, as long as there is an open seat. Additionally, out-of-county students are then allowed to maintain enrollment in that school until promoted out of the highest grade level offered by that school. (*This specification for maintaining enrollment does not apply to in-county students.*)

Capital dollars (*after debt service is paid*) are “shared” on a per-student basis with charter schools within the District. At this time, that includes Hope Center for Autism and Clark Advanced Learning Center (*\$489,421/yr*).



# TAXPAYERS . . .

## Tallahassee specifies Capital Account Funding:

- ◆ Tied to Local County Real Estate Taxable Values
- ◆ Martin County Total Taxable Property Values  
(\$21 Billion)
- ◆ State Specified Millage  
(1.5 Mills)
- ◆ Maximum Allowed Amount  
(\$31.6 Million)

## Martin County Property Owner:

- ◆ \$250,000 Taxable Value *(Taxable Value, Not the Appraised Value, After all Exemptions)*
- ◆ \$375 Real Estate Taxes  
*(for School Capital Account; 1.5 Mills)*
- ◆ Millage reductions in 2008 & 2009 resulted in a cumulative taxpayer savings of \$1,187.50 over the last decade *(\$62.50 for 2009; \$125 for 2010-18)*

The cumulative effect on the Martin County School District over the past decade has been a **LOSS of \$91,676,207 in Capital Funding** and a growing backlog of \$98 million in critical capital needs.

## Current County Sales Tax Rates:

- ◆ **Martin County - 6%**
- ◆ Palm Beach County - 7%
- ◆ St Lucie County - 6.5%
- ◆ Indian River County - 7%
- ◆ 2018 Average Florida - 6.829%

## Consumer purchasing Taxable Goods in Martin County:

For a Consumer purchasing \$2,000 per month of taxable goods *(not housing or food)* in Martin County, the additional cost of a Half-Cent per Dollar Sales Tax is \$120 per year.

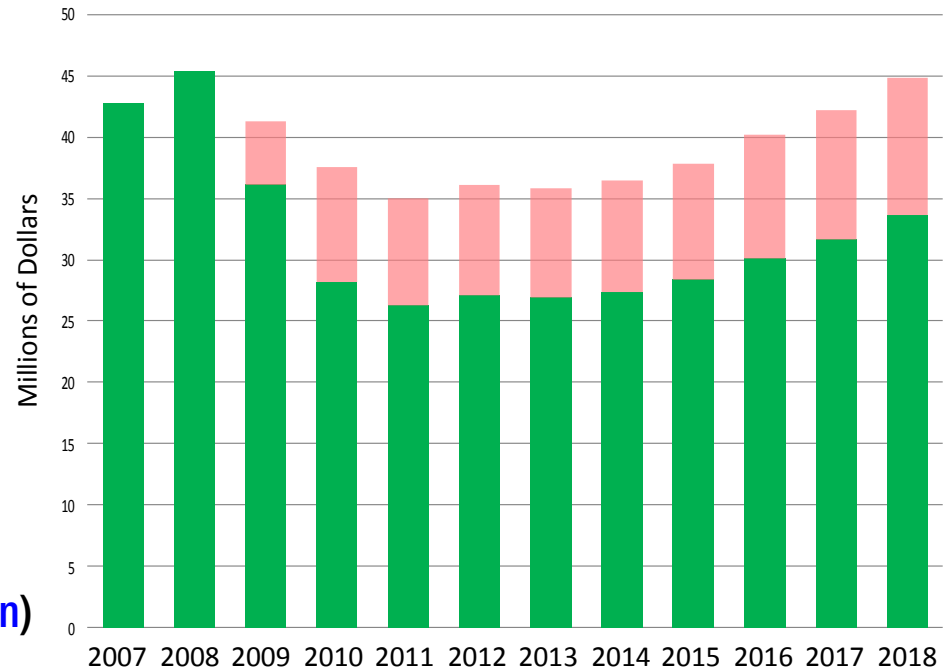


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# SCHOOL DISTRICT . . .

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- ◆ Specified Millage reductions:
  - ◇ 1.75 Mills in 2009
  - ◇ 1.5 Mills from 2010 to present
- ◆ GREEN represents Funding Collected
- ◆ PINK indicates Funding Lost (from Millage Reduction)  
\$91,676,207 Total Capital Funding Lost



## Martin County critical capital needs include:

- ◆ Security upgrades & enhancements  
*(Aver school age 20 yrs)*
- ◆ Replace Jensen Beach Elem  
*(c. 1970; Storm damage)*
- ◆ Replace Palm City Elem  
*(c. 1958; Functionally obsolete)*
- ◆ Repair/renovate school buildings  
*(\$98 million backlog)*

**Voter Approval REQUIRED to increase funding.**

**ALL FUNDS APPROVED BY VOTERS STAY IN MARTIN COUNTY.**

# STUDENTS . . .

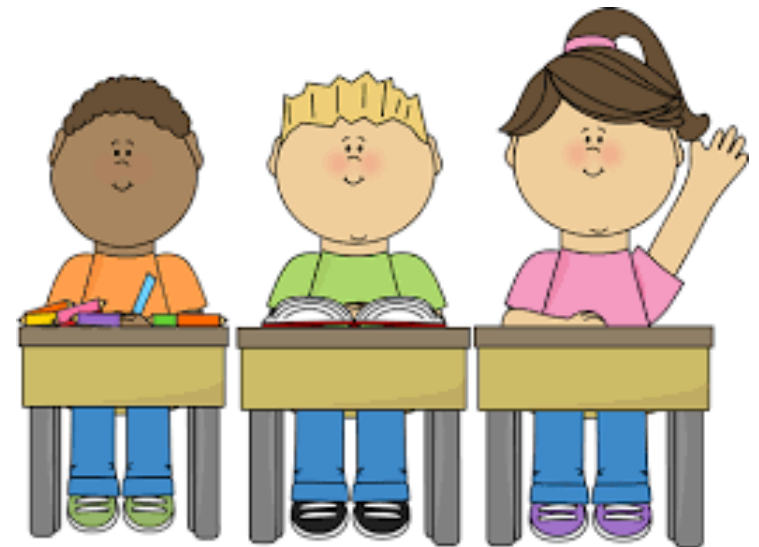
Martin County Schools at first glance may appear in good repair. However, age, time and climate have not been kind to our buildings. While the gradual increases in property values are contributing to available capital funding, those increases are insufficient to keep pace with ongoing deterioration and new, necessary enhancements *(like security fencing, gates, etc)*.

## Basic Capital Budget Expenditures:

- ♦ \$2,500,000 Mortgage *(Anderson Middle School)*
- ♦ \$8,500,000 Ongoing Repairs & Maintenance *(HVAC, Roof, Electric, Plumbing, Flooring, Windows, Kitchens, ADA, Paving)*
- ♦ \$6,000,000 Technology *(Computers, Internet Access)*
- ♦ \$3,000,000 Buses & Classroom/Vocational Equipment
- ♦ \$3,000,000 Operating Acct *(Insurance & Capital Buyback)*

That leaves \$8,000,000 for Major Projects, with Cost Estimates of:

- ♦ \$32,000,000 Replace an Elementary School
- ♦ \$8,000,000 New Classroom Building
- ♦ \$5,000,000 Classroom Renovation
- ♦ \$2,000,000 Hurricane Repairs
- ♦ \$1,300,000 Reroof Project
- ♦ \$1,000,000 New Chiller
- ♦ \$800,000 Kitchen Renovation
- ♦ \$300,000 HVAC Upgrades



**Continued repairs and improvements are not sustainable with current funding.**

# NOVEMBER 6, 2018

## 1/2 Cent Sales Tax for Capital Expenses

### MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HALF-CENT PER DOLLAR SALES SURTAX LEVY FOR CRITICAL CAPITAL NEEDS

Shall a half-cent per dollar school sales surtax for critical capital needs be levied for a seven-year period beginning February 1, 2019, to provide security upgrades and enhancements at all schools, replace Jensen Beach Elementary and Palm City Elementary, and repair or renovate district-owned school buildings; with annual reporting to the county's citizens to ensure fiscal stewardship?

\_\_\_\_\_ For the half-cent tax

\_\_\_\_\_ Against the half-cent tax

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Martin County School District:

- ♦ **All funds raised will STAY IN MARTIN COUNTY**
- ♦ Estimated Annual Revenue \$16 million (*for seven years*)

Funding MUST be spent on:

- ♦ Security upgrades and enhancements
- ♦ Replacement of Jensen Beach Elementary & Palm City Elementary Schools (*Estimated at \$32 million each*)
- ♦ Repair or renovate district-owned school buildings (*backlog of \$98 million*)

District Five Year Capital Plan 2018-19 to 2022-23:

- ♦ Approved in September 2018 after public hearing
- ♦ Will identify specific proposed Sales Tax expenditures
- ♦ Annual reporting to county's citizens