

We Need Your  
Vote This November...

Support Our  
Charlotte County Public Schools  
Millage Referendum



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For Success

Charlotte County Public Schools will ask voters to approve a request for an additional one mill property tax in a referendum this November. This tax will last for four years. A similar referendum has helped Sarasota County Schools since 2002, and Manatee County just passed a referendum of its own. In all, 17 Florida school districts have passed similar referendums. Sarasota County credits referendum dollars as "a major reason Sarasota County Schools are recognized as the best in Florida".

✓ A vibrant education system is the cornerstone our community needs to sustain healthy growth

This referendum will supply funds for salaries and additional instruction time. It will add additional security for our students. It will support educational enhancements, add paraprofessionals, and math and reading coaches. It will support programs in the arts, drama, band, S.T.E.M., literacy initiatives and athletics. Our hope is to eliminate parental "Pay-to-Play" costs for sports participation.

✓ Quality school systems benefit everyone by raising property values

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✓ Since the financial crisis, Florida's combined state and local school funding is 25% below 2008 levels

Our school district has been a careful custodian of our financial resources, a good steward of our tax dollars. But, for more than a decade we have been "making do with less". County-wide, we have more students per class, fewer teachers, and fewer teaching assistants. Entire programs have been discontinued due to lack of funds. Our Charlotte County teachers and support personnel have the lowest salaries in our area, behind Sarasota, Lee, and Manatee counties.

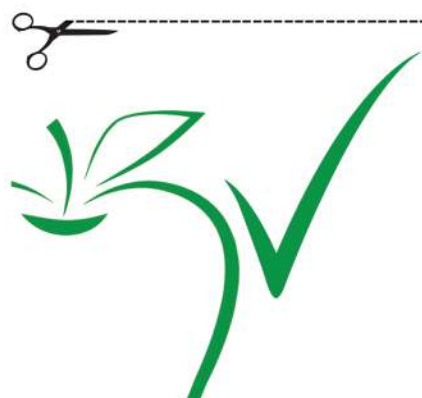
✓ We are losing gifted teachers to surrounding counties

Without this budget increase, the future for our students remains dim. The backbone of a strong community is a strong school system. As our county and local businesses seek new employees, a common question is "How good are the schools?" We need high quality education to attract new businesses and new talent. So, supporting this referendum will benefit our entire community.

✓ The quality of education in our community directly affects your quality of life.

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