

St. Johns County School District

HALF-CENT SALES SURTAX REFERENDUM

(Selected Slides)



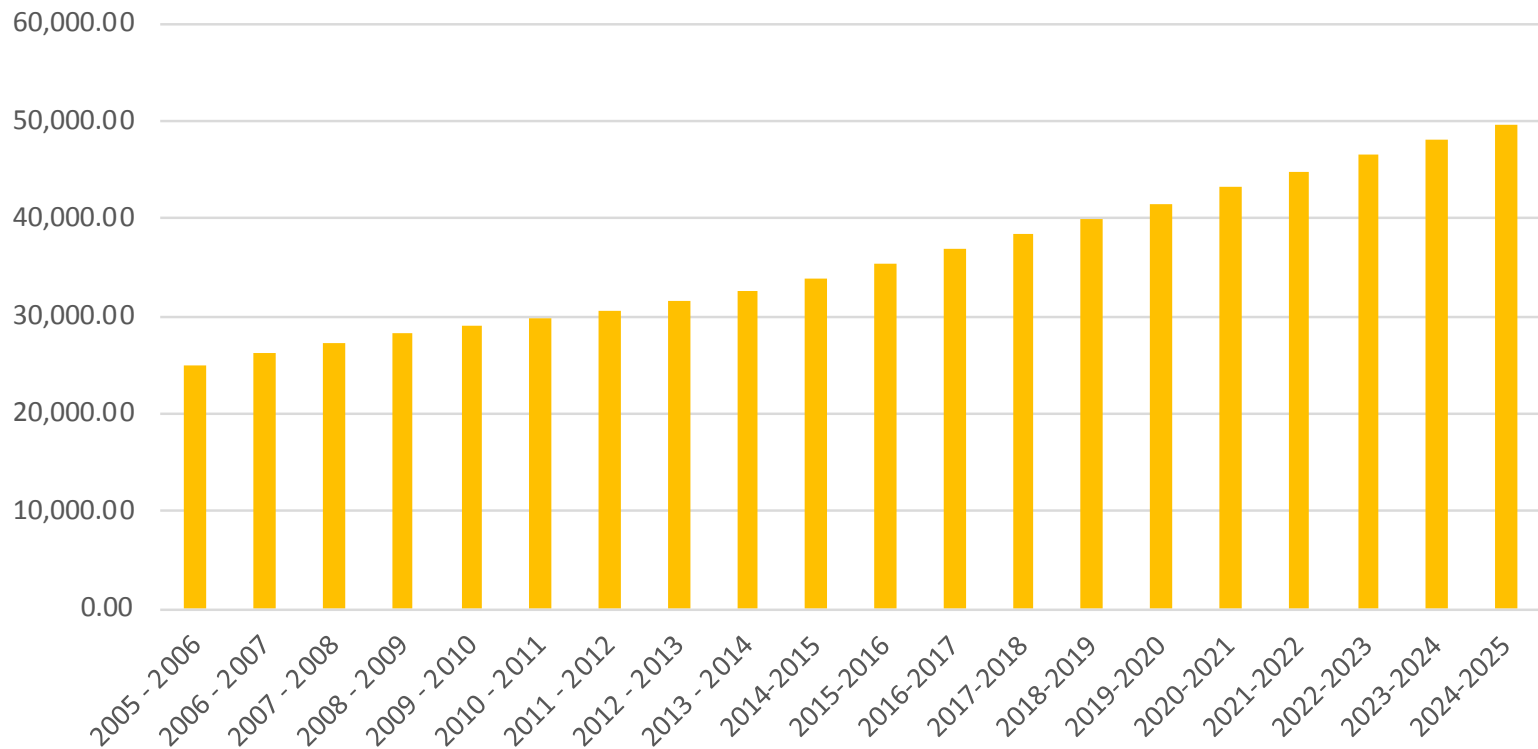
Extensive Growth and Need for School Construction

- ▶ Growth of 10,473 students (45%) in the past 10 years.
 - 11 schools & 8 expansions.
- ▶ Projected growth of 15,813 students (47%) over the next 10 years.
 - 20 new schools needed.

Student Growth: Actual & Projected

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CAPITAL OUTLAY FULL TIME EQUIVALENT
(COFTE) STUDENTS ACTUAL & PROJECTED



½ Cent Sales Tax

- ▶ Special election on November 3, 2015.
- ▶ In effect for 10 years – automatically sunsets.
- ▶ Generates approximately \$13 million a year.
- \$150 million over 10 years.
- ▶ Approximately \$4 million (25%-40%) a year paid by out-of-county visitors.
- ▶ Limited to the first \$5,000 for large purchases.

½ Cent Sales Tax

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- ▶ All revenue generated will stay in St. Johns County.
- ▶ Surrounding counties have a 7% sales tax.
- ▶ By holding the election in November, the district would begin collecting funds in 2016 if approved by the voters.
- ▶ Citizens Advisory Committee will monitor and advise the School Board on the expenditure of funds.

½ Cent Sales Tax

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- ▶ Proceeds may only be used to fund new school construction, renovation of current schools, safety and security improvements and technology upgrades.
- ▶ The following is a Critical Needs Project List. The district is requesting input on this list and encourages comments and feedback through our website.

Meet the Needs of an Increasing Student Population

\$106,000,000



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- ▶ Northeast K-8 school – Nocatee
\$26,000,000
- ▶ Northwest elementary or K-8 school – Greenbriar Rd / Longleaf Pine Pkwy area
\$26,000,000
- ▶ Central elementary or K-8 school – World Golf Village area
\$26,000,000
- ▶ South elementary school
\$20,000,000
- ▶ School expansions
 - ▶ South Woods Elem.
\$3,000,000
 - ▶ Liberty Pines Academy
\$5,000,000

Maintain High Quality Educational Facilities

\$14,000,000



- ▶ Roof replacements – Hartley, Ketterlinus
- ▶ P E, playground, and athletic facility improvements – R B Hunt restrooms and covered PE area, locker room expansions at Pedro Menendez and Bartram Trail
- ▶ Academy facility improvements – Middle and High schools
- ▶ Site improvements – Webster and Murray

Provide New Technology to Prepare Children for 21st Century Learning

\$25,000,000



- ▶ Classroom technology tools
- ▶ Student and teacher instructional devices
- ▶ Infrastructure improvements



Continue to Keep our Children Safe

\$5,000,000



- ▶ Security cameras and monitoring systems
- ▶ Fencing
- ▶ Security doors and entrances
- ▶ GPS systems for school buses
- ▶ 800 mghz radios for school buses