

One Mill Oversight Committee

Annual Update

April 16, 2013

About the One Mill

- First approved by Alachua County voters in 2008, renewed in November 2012 with 68%+ vote
- One mill equals one dollar for every \$1000 of the taxable value of a property
- Current assessment ends June 30; renewed assessment runs through June of 2017
- Has raised between \$11 and \$13 million annually, depending on property values

Ballot Language for Original One Mill

APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL ONE MILL AD VALOREM TAX FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING EXPENSES

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Alachua County School District's ad valorem millage be increased by a total of one mill, beginning July 1 2009 and ending four years later on June 30, 2013, for necessary operating expenses including funds to provide school nurses; maintain elementary music and art programs, middle school band programs, school library programs, elementary guidance programs, and academic/career/technical magnet programs; and update classroom technology; **with oversight by an independent citizens' committee?**

_____ YES

_____ NO

Ballot Language for Renewal

RENEWAL OF THE EXISTING ONE MILL AD VALOREM TAX FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING EXPENSES

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Alachua County School District's existing one mill ad valorem tax be renewed, beginning July 1, 2013, and ending four years later on June 30, 2017, for necessary operating expenses to fund school nurses, elementary music and art programs, K-12 school library programs, K-12 guidance programs, middle and high school band and chorus programs, academic/career technical magnet programs and to update classroom technology; **with oversight by an independent citizens' committee?**

_____ YES

_____ NO

Oversight Committee

Committee Members

Perry McGriff-Chairman
Eric Godet-Vice Chairman
Harvey Budd
Sam Goforth
Mike Kline
Lillian Swanger
Albert White
Janie Williams

Meeting Schedule

May 21, 2009
August 6, 2009
December 8, 2009
June 15, 2010
December 7, 2010
June 7, 2011
December 6, 2011
June 20, 2012
December 5, 2012

Oversight Committee Responsibilities

- Review the expenditures of revenues from the one mill
- Seek additional information on expenditures if needed
- Present a report to the School Board regarding the expenditure of one mill revenues on an annual basis
- Report to the Superintendent and the School Board chairman any inconsistencies between ballot language and actual expenditure of one mill revenues

Develop a final report following the sunset of the one mill

Term of the Oversight Committee: November 19, 2008 through September 30, 2017 (three months after the 'sunset' of the renewed one mill)

One Mill Expenditures

Total one mill expenditures from July 2009
through March 31, 2013

\$42.9 million

One Mill Appropriations 2012-13

Ballot Categories

- Academic/Career/Technical Magnet Programs
- School Nurses
- Elementary Music & Art
- Middle School Bands
- School Libraries
- Elementary Guidance
- Classroom Technology

Appropriations

- 62 teacher units @ 17 schools
- Funded through Medicaid
- 57 teacher units @ 23 schools, serving 11,000 students
- 10 teacher units and supplements @ 9 schools, serving 1100 students
- 20 media specialist units @ 31 schools, serving more than 22,000 students
- 11 counselor units @ 23 schools
- 7 technicians + classroom technology equipment

Changes under renewal ballot language

- Extends assessment through June of 2017
- Adds high school band programs
- Adds middle and high school chorus programs
- Adds middle and high school guidance programs

Classroom Technology Equipment

The one mill continues to address core classroom technology needs such as:

- A new computer in every classroom

- Updated computer labs

- Interactive projectors in classrooms not currently equipped with them

Alachua County Public Schools Profile

- Rated 'high performing' by Florida Dept. of Education for seven straight years
- Among top two districts in passed AP tests per student for four straight years
- Among the top three districts in average SAT scores for five straight years
- Four schools among the top 4% of high schools nationwide (*Washington Post*): Buchholz, Eastside, GHS, Santa Fe
- State and national awards for students and staff (i.e. BHS national championship math team, GHS student with highest Cambridge score in the world)
- Highest percentage of teachers with advanced degrees in Florida

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For more information (including meeting agendas, minutes and reports), visit:

www.sbac.edu/~wpops/OneMill

