

# One Mill Oversight Committee

**Annual Update**

**April 5, 2016**

# About the One Mill

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

# Ballot Language for 2012

## 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

Perry McGriff-Chairman

Harvey Budd

Debbie Gallagher

Sam Goforth

Jean Robinson

Lillian Swanger

Albert White

Janie Williams

# Oversight Committee Responsibilities

- Review the expenditures of revenues from the one mill
- Seek additional information on expenditures if needed
- Present an annual report to the School Board on the expenditure of one mill revenues

# Oversight Committee Responsibilities

- 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: November 19, 2008 -- September 30, 2017 (three months after the sunset)

# One Mill Expenditures

Total one mill expenditures from July 2009  
through January 31, 2016

**\$80.8 million**

# One Mill Appropriations 2014-15

## Ballot Categories

- Academic/Career Tech Magnets
- School Nurses
- Elementary Music/Art
- Middle & High Band and Chorus

## Appropriations

- 60 teacher units
- Funded through Medicaid
- 51 teacher units
- 13 teacher units



# One Mill Appropriations 2014-15

## Ballot Categories

- School Libraries

- K-12 Guidance

- Classroom  
Technology

## Appropriations

- 21 media specialist units

- 19 counselor units

- 9 technicians +  
equipment

**Total: 173 teachers and technicians**

# Academic Magnet Programs

Gifted and Talented Magnet: Archer Elementary School

Fine Arts Magnet: Duval Elementary School

Math, Science and Technology Magnet: Stephen Foster Elementary School

Gifted Magnet: Williams Elementary School

Academy of Technology and Gifted Studies: Bishop Middle School

Lyceum: Lincoln Middle School

Center for Advanced Academics and Technology: Oak View Middle School

International Baccalaureate: Eastside High School

Cambridge: Gainesville High School

# Career/Tech Magnet Programs

Buchholz High School:

Academy of Entrepreneurship  
Academy of Finance

Eastside High School:

Institute of Culinary Arts

Gainesville High School:

Academy of Health Professions

Professional Academies Magnet@  
Loften High School

Academy of Early Childhood Education  
Academy of Design and Technology  
Academy of Automotive Technology  
Academy of Fire and Emergency Medical Svcs.

Newberry High School:

Academy of Criminal Justice

Santa Fe High School:

Academy of Agriscience  
Institute of Biotechnology

# Career Tech Programs



**Alachua County Public School middle and high school students earned 1282 career certifications in 2014-15**

# One Mill for Technology

- Purchased more than 10,000 computers for classrooms
- Purchased more than 1000 interactive projectors for classrooms
- Districtwide Wi-Fi
- Instructional Software
- Up-to-date computer labs in every school

**The One Mill is currently the primary funding source for technology purchases and is therefore absolutely crucial to local schools.**

# Alachua County Public Schools Profile

- Highest average SAT score in Florida, far above state and national averages; higher ACT scores in all subjects
- Advanced Placement passing rate higher than state, national and global rates (63%)
- Five schools among the nation's top high schools (*Washington Post*): BHS, EHS, GHS, NHS, SFHS
- Graduation rate about 88% in district's seven high schools

# Honors

- BHS Math Team's 9 straight national championships
- 28 BHS, EHS, GHS students named National Merit semifinalists in 2015
- Six perfect SAT scores and two perfect ACT scores in 2014-15
- GHS student earns 'Top in World' score on Cambridge Mathematics Exam; 2 earn 'Top in Country' scores in Chemistry, Physics
- Six students named U.S. Presidential Scholar Candidates in 2016



# Music program honors

- Three high school bands placed among the state's top five in their divisions at the 2015 state championships, including state championship for GHS
- EHS musician named to 2015 All-National Honor Concert Band





# Music program honors

Oak View Middle  
School band director  
Lori Pirzer named  
2016 Alachua County  
Teacher of the Year



# One Mill Oversight Committee

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

[www.sbac.edu/~wpops/OneMill](http://www.sbac.edu/~wpops/OneMill)

