



June 30, 2022

Broward Workshop endorses the Broward County Public Schools “Secure the Next Generation” referendum for a 1.0 mill education-based tax included in property taxes on the August 23, 2022, primary election ballot.

The existing .50 mill property tax that was passed by Broward County residents in 2018 has been supporting more than 500 school safety personnel, 100 mental health professionals and has provided approximately \$82 million in compensation for teachers and staff. This funding will sunset on June 30, 2023, unless the new referendum is approved.

For the 2022/23 school year, the 1.0 mill referendum is estimated to raise \$227 million. A typical homeowner with a home market value of \$393,755 and a school board taxable value of \$274,200 would pay approximately \$274 per year or \$23 each month, which is an additional \$11.50 more than currently paid per month. A typical condo owner with a market value of \$192,806 and a school board taxable value of approximately \$158,421 would pay approximately \$158 or \$13 per month, which is an additional \$6.50 more than currently paid per month.

Salary enhancements from the new referendum will provide funding to the Broward School District to be able to increase teachers’ annual income, which will better position Broward to attract and retain high quality teachers. Due to the higher salary enhancements currently funded by Miami-Dade and Palm Beach County schools referendums, their teachers are receiving significantly larger salary enhancements than Broward County, and both school districts have approved a new 1.0 mill referendum which will be on the November 8, 2022 ballot.

Due to new legislation, approximately 20% of the new millage levy is required to be shared with charter schools, so only 80% can be used for traditional public schools.

The referendum cannot be used for SMART Bond projects and is an entirely separate initiative.

We recognize that this is a challenging time for all residents of Broward County as we cope with rising costs, volatile markets, and a prolonged pandemic. At the same time, we recognize that approval of this referendum will help provide for the future – and what is best for our children.

By voting to renew the referendum, we will continue to provide quality education for our students so they will be successful in whatever plan they follow after high school graduation and will keep our programs and teachers moving forward.

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