

Education Referendum

Half-penny sales tax Last item on Nov. 6 ballot

Only for ❄️ A/C & Maintenance

💻 Classroom Technology

🛡️ Safety & Security

🔨 New School Construction

Would generate
\$131 million per
year for 10 years
for specific,
planned projects
based on need

***At least \$500,000
invested at
every school***

Specific Projects: 203 Air Conditioning Overhauls, 63 Roof Replacements, \$139m in Specific Repairs, \$25m in Classroom Technology, \$23m in Safety & Security, 4 New Schools to Relieve Overcrowding

Citizen Oversight Committee



Independent Citizens

District

Unpaid members review spending, progress & completion of all work. Six independent citizens cannot be employed by the district or profit from referendum projects.

Chair: Betty Castor, former Education Commissioner & USF President

Vice Chair: Sheriff Chad Chronister, Hillsborough Co. Sheriff's Office



Detailed School-by-School Project Plans and Frequently Asked Questions at hillsboroughschools.org



Typical family would pay \$63 a year

Based on Hillsborough Co. median household income of \$51,681

Portion would be **paid by tourists**

Not charged on 🛒 Groceries or 🏥 Medicine

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Funding Challenges

Florida now ranks **44th** in the U.S. in K-12 education funding

Additional local support through sales or property surtaxes

Polk



Half-penny sales tax

Pasco



45% of a penny sales tax

Pinellas



Half-mill property tax

Manatee



Half-penny sales tax & 1 mill property tax

Hillsborough



1/8 of a penny sales tax

Our district has **reduced staff by 1,900 positions since 2015**, yet, like **all our neighboring districts**, funding is still far short of needs



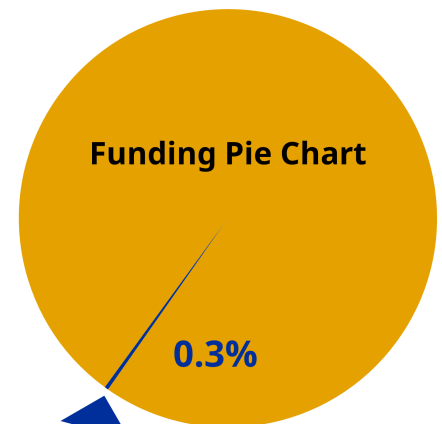
Student learning conditions are **teacher working conditions**

Florida currently ranks 47th in attracting and retaining effective teachers

What about money from the Lottery?

Lottery is a small fraction of budget & would **not be enough** to run our district for even one day

Annual District **Total Budget**
\$3,014,000,000



Portion of Annual District **Funding from Lottery**
\$9,100,000

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