

Florida School Boards Association

2020 Local School Board Referendum Election Results (GENERAL)

District	Question	Outcome		Notes
Alachua	Renewal of the Existing One Mill Ad Valorem Tax for School District Operations	Passed 78%	RENEWAL OF THE EXISTING ONE MILL AD VALOREM TAX FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING EXPENSES. Shall the Alachua County School District's existing one mill ad valorem tax be renewed, beginning July 1, 2021 and ending four years later on June 30, 2025, for necessary operating expenses to fund school nurses; music, art and drama programs; school library programs; school counseling programs; band and chorus programs; academic magnets; career technical programs; and to update classroom technology, with oversight by an independent citizens' committee?	
Brevard	School Board Referendum - Half-cent sales surtax	Passed 68%	To extend the existing half-cent surtax approved by voters in 2014, to upgrade aging schools in Brevard County with critical school facility renewal projects, school security and technology modernizations that keep schools safe and conducive to learning and as per statute, shared with charter schools based on proportionate share of district enrollment, shall a half-cent sales surtax be reauthorized for six years, with all expenditures monitored by an independent citizen oversight committee	
Charlotte	One-cent local option sales tax extension	Passed 67%	(Includes School security) <i>Summary via TaxWatch:</i> Extend the one-cent (1.0%) local option sales tax for six years from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2026. Proceeds would be used for infrastructure, including public safety and service buildings, water quality infrastructure, school security and technology improvements, road improvements, and libraries, parks, and recreational facilities.	Additional info
Clay	Levy one-half cent sales surtax for district school and charter school authorized uses	Passed 56%	SHALL A ONE-HALF CENT SALES SURTAX BE LEVIED IN CLAY COUNTY BY THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR THIRTY YEARS, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, TO FINANCE DISTRICT SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, AND REMODELING OF FACILITIES; SAFETY, SECURITY, TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES; LAND ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT; AND ALLOWABLE STATUTORY USES FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS. A CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL MONITOR EXPENDITURES. REVENUES COLLECTED MUST BE SHARED WITH ELIGIBLE CHARTER SCHOOLS BASED ON THEIR PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF TOTAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT.	Additional info
Collier	Tax-neutral flexible funding for operating expenses	Passed 79%*	Allow Tax-Neutral Flexible Funding for Collier County Public Schools: For a period of up to four years beginning July 2021, shall the Collier County Public Schools enact tax-neutral flexible funding to (a) reduce ad valorem taxes up to .35 mills for capital funding; (b) add ad valorem taxes up to .35 mills for operating expenses; (c) provide charter schools with their proportionate share, as required by law; and (d) maintain high quality staff and programs; all without increasing taxes.	*Primary Ballot Additional Info

Duval	School District of Duval County, Florida Surtax Referendum	Passed 67%	To upgrade aging schools through repairs and modernization, to keep schools safe, to continue to promote a conducive learning environment, to improve technology, and to replace existing or build new schools, and share with charter schools for their allowable uses, shall the Duval County School Board be authorized to levy a 15-year half-cent sales surtax, with expenditures based upon the Surtax Capital Outlay Plan, and be monitored by an independent citizens committee?	Additional info
Escambia	Half-mill Levy	Passed 60%	Children’s Trust of Escambia County – Authority to Levy One-half Mill Ad Valorem Taxes In order to provide additional early childhood education, safety, developmental, preventative, health and well-being services, including after school and summer enrichment programs, should an independent special district titled the “Escambia Children’s Trust” be created and be authorized to levy an annual ad valorem tax of one-half (1/2) mill for 10 years.	
Glades	Glades County Schools	Passed	Shall the Glades County School District be authorized to reduce its annual ad valorem tax levy for capital projects by an amount of up to 1.00 mills and increase its ad valorem levy for operating expenses by an equal amount of up to 1.00 mills in any or all of the four consecutive fiscal years beginning with the 2020-21 fiscal year?	
Hernando	HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT MILLAGE ELECTION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS	Passed 62%	Shall the School Board of Hernando County levy an ad- valorem operating millage of 1 mill annually to 1) attract and retain high-quality teachers and staff with competitive salaries and provide additional staff to support student needs, 2) maintain and increase school safety measures and increase mental health services for students, 3) provide students and staff with devices, resources and support, 4) maintain and increase educational opportunities for all students, and 5) appoint a Citizens Volunteer Millage Committee to review annual spending.	Additional info
Indian River		Passed 76%*	Shall the School District continue to levy a 0.50 ad valorem millage for essential operating needs to provide high-quality educators, create technology-rich classrooms, and expand supports for school safety and mental health beginning July 1, 2021, and ending four fiscal years later, which replaces the existing voter approved 0.50 ad valorem millage that expires June 30, 2021, with annual reporting to the citizenry?	*PRIMARY BALLOT
Leon	County referendum Children's Services Council	Passed 65%	<i>Summary via TaxWatch:</i> Establish the Children’s Services Council of Leon County to provide children with early learning and reading skills, development, treatment, preventative and other children’s services in Leon County as a special district with ad valorem taxing authority limited to one-half mill annually, and independent oversight and accountability as required by law, unless and until the district is dissolved.	Additional info
Okaloosa	1/2 cent sales tax	Passed 55%	Levy of One-Half Cent Per Dollar Sales Surtax to Finance Educational Facilities and Equipment Shall the School Board of Okaloosa County be authorized to levy a 10 year, one-half cent per dollar sales surtax effective January 1, 2021, for the acquisition, renovation, construction and equipping of public schools, land, safety enhancements, buses, equipment, technology, portable classrooms reduction, and retirement of debt, subject to oversight by a citizen's committee; revenues collected must be shared with eligible charter schools based on their proportionate sh	Additional info

Pinellas	Approval of the Continuation of One-half Mill Ad Valorem Tax for School District Operating Expenses	Passed 79%	Shall the Pinellas County School District ad valorem millage of one-half mill per year be continued beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2025, for necessary operating expenses including funds to recruit and retain quality teachers; preserve reading programs and music and art classes; and provide current textbooks and technology, sharing funds with charter schools proportionate to student enrollment as required by law, with expenditure oversight by an independent citizens financial oversight committee?	
Santa Rosa	Half-cent sales tax	Passed 69%	“Shall a one half cent sales tax be levied to fund law enforcement/fire and public safety facilities and equipment, transportation and drainage improvements, infrastructure projects/public facilities, recreation/natural resources and capital equipment. The tax will be levied for a period of five years.”	Additional Info
Liberty	1/2 cent school capital outlay surtax	Fail 49.73%	Shall the Liberty County School District levy a school capital outlay surtax of one half percent (0.5%) for a period ten (10) years beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2030, with collections commencing upon passage of the referendum, to finance educational facilities, including construction, reconstruction, renovation, remodeling, land acquisition and improvement, retrofitting and the purchase of technology equipment, hardware, and software for the Liberty County School District, and the revenues. collected from the Surtax shall be shared with eligible charter schools based on the charter school(s) proportionate share of the total school district enrollment?	