

One Mill Initiative for Alachua County Public Schools

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

Eric Godet-Vice Chairman

Harvey Budd

Sam Goforth

Mike Kline

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 Dec. 31, 2015

\$67 million

One Mill Appropriations 2014-15

Ballot Categories

- Academic/Career Tech Magnets
- School Nurses
- Elementary Music & Art

Appropriations

- 74.5 teacher units @ 15 schools
- Funded through Medicaid
- 48 teacher units @ 24 schools, + supplements up to \$1125

One Mill Appropriations 2014-15

Ballot Categories

- Middle & High Band and Chorus
- School Libraries
- K-12 Guidance
- Classroom Technology

Appropriations

- 9.6 teacher units @ 13 schools + supplements from \$1200 to \$3400
- 20.5 media specialist units @ 32 schools
- 19.6 counselor units @ 38 schools
- 8 technicians, 1 teacher unit + equipment

Academic Magnet Programs receiving One Mill funding

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

**Nine 2015 Teachers of the Year are
supported through One Mill funding.**

Career/Tech Magnet Programs receiving One Mill funding

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

Recent academic program honors

- 33 BHS, EHS, GHS students named National Merit semifinalists (Oct. 2014)
- Lincoln Middle School student selected to US Youth Chess Team (September, 2014)
- 12 middle school students win Grand Level honors in 2014 Duke Talent Identification Program

Recent academic program honors

- EHS student wins national awards for smartphone apps (summer and fall of 2014)
- Bishop Middle School student named finalist in Broadcom MASTERS Science and Engineering Competition in Washington, D.C. (Sep. 2014)

Recent Career Tech honors

- BHS Entrepreneurship student wins 1st place award at the national Future Business Leaders of America Awards of Excellence Competition
- EHS Culinary Arts student named Florida Student Chef Ambassador

Recent Career Tech honors

- GHS Health Professions student earns perfect score on Medical Terminology exam for college credit: 50 others earn credits with A and B scores



Recent Career Tech honors



**Alachua County Public School students
earned 945 career certifications in 2013-14**

Music program honors

Three high school bands placed among the state's top five in their divisions at the 2015 state championships



(Buchholz #1 in Class 4A, Santa Fe #2 in Class 2A, GHS #5 in Class 3A)

Music program honors

- Newberry High School Band selected to represent Florida in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C.
- BHS Wind Symphony performs at three prestigious national conferences

Classroom Technology

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



- Updating and refreshing computer labs for all curriculum areas, including those needed for testing
- Career Tech labs

Classroom Technology

- Refreshing and updating computers and projectors in classrooms
- Wireless in schools
- Training and support

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

Alachua County Public Schools Profile

- Advanced Placement passing rate higher than state, national and global rates
- Average SAT scores far above state and national averages
- Five schools among the nation's top high schools (*Washington Post*): Buchholz, Eastside, GHS, Newberry, Santa Fe

Alachua County Public Schools Profile

- State and national awards for students and staff (i.e. 8 straight national titles for BHS math team, national chess championship individual and team from Wiles Elementary)
- Highest percentage of teachers with advanced degrees in Florida

One Mill Oversight Committee

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

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