

One Mill Oversight Committee

Annual Update
February 15, 2011

About the One Mill

- Approved by Alachua County voters in November of 2008 by a two-to-one vote
- One mill equals one dollar for every \$1000 of the taxable value of a property
- Assessment ends June 30 of 2013 unless local voters approve a renewal
- Raises between \$12 and \$13 million annually, depending on property values

Ballot Authority for Oversight Committee

APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL ONE MILL AD VALOREM TAX FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING EXPENSES

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Alachua County School District's ad valorem millage be increased by a total of one mill, beginning July 1, 2009 and ending four years later on June 30, 2013, for necessary operating expenses including funds to provide school nurses; maintain elementary music and art programs, middle school band programs, school library programs, elementary guidance programs, and academic/career/technical magnet programs; and update classroom technology; **with oversight by an independent citizens' committee?**

_____ YES

_____ NO

Oversight Committee

Committee Members

Perry McGriff – Chairman
Eric Godet – Vice Chairman
Harvey Budd
Roland Daniels
Sam Goforth
Mike Kline
Lillian Swanger
Albert White

Meeting Schedule

May 21, 2009
August 6, 2009
December 8, 2009
June 15 2010
December 7, 2010

Oversight Committee Responsibilities

- Review the expenditures of revenues from the one mill
- Seek additional information on expenditures if needed
- Present a report to the School Board regarding the expenditure of one mill revenues on an annual basis
- Report to the Superintendent and School Board chairman in a timely fashion any inconsistencies between the ballot language and the actual expenditure of one mill revenues
- Develop a final report following the sunset of the one mill
- Term of the Oversight Committee: November 19, 2008 through September 30, 2013 (three months after the 'sunset' of the one mill)

One Mill Appropriations 2010-11

Ballot Categories

- School Nurses
- Elementary Music & Art
- Middle School Band Program
- School Library Programs
- Elementary Guidance
- Academic/Career/Technical
Magnet Programs
- Classroom Technology

Appropriations

- Funded thru Medicaid
- 44.49 teacher units @ 23 schools,
serving 11,000 students
- 5.7 teacher units and supplements @ 9
schools, serving 1100 students
- 21 media specialist units @ 32 schools,
serving more than 22,000 students
- 11.5 counselor units @ 23 schools
- 57.6 teacher units @ 17 schools
- 7 technicians + classroom technology
equipment

Classroom Technology Equipment

The one mill is addressing core classroom technology needs such as:

- A new computer in every classroom
- Updated computer labs
- Interactive projectors in classrooms currently not equipped with them

Alachua County Public Schools Profile

- An A grade for five years in a row
- Highest SAT scores in Florida for three years in a row
- More passed AP tests per student than any district in the state
- Four schools among the top 4% of high schools nationwide (*Newsweek*)
- Teachers and students winning state and national awards (i.e. music teacher Don Devito @ Sidney Lanier School named national special education teacher of the year)
- The highest percentage of teachers with advanced degrees in Florida
- Seven 2011 Teachers of the Year funded through one mill revenues

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

www.sbac.edu/wpops/OneMill

