

One Mill Oversight Committee

**Annual Update
March 18, 2014**

About the One Mill

- First approved by Alachua County voters in 2008, renewed in November 2012 with 68%+ vote
- One mill equals one dollar for every \$1000 of the taxable value of a property
- Assessment runs through June of 2017
- 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

Committee Members

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 a report to the School Board regarding the expenditure of one mill revenues on an annual basis
- 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 of the Oversight Committee: November 19, 2008 through September 30, 2017 (three months after the 'sunset' of the renewed one mill)

One Mill Expenditures

Total one mill expenditures from July 2009
through Feb. 28, 2014

\$55.2 million

One Mill Appropriations 2013-14

Ballot Categories

- Academic/Career/Technical Magnet Programs
- School Nurses
- Elementary Music & Art
- Middle & High Band and Chorus
- School Libraries
- K-12 Guidance
- Classroom Technology

Appropriations

- 63 teacher units @ 16 schools
- Funded through Medicaid
- 45 teacher units @ 24 schools, + supplements up to \$1125
- 9 teacher units @ 12 schools, + supplements from \$1200 to \$3400
- 20 media specialist units @ 31 schools
- 20 counselor units @ 39 schools
- 8 technicians, 1 teacher unit + classroom technology 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

Eight 2014 Teachers of the Year are supported through the One Mill

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 Career Tech state honors

NHS Criminal Justice and PAM@Loften students win several first place and other awards from the Florida Public Service Association (Mar. 4-7)



BHS Entrepreneurship students win several first place and other awards at DECA State Career Development conference (Mar. 6-9)



Recent academic program honors

- Williams Elementary and Lincoln Middle win state chess championships (March, 2014)
- Eastside team wins Florida Student Astronaut Challenge (March 2014)
- BHS, EHS, GHS students named National Merit finalists (Feb. 2014) and National Achievement finalists (Jan. 2014)
- BHS, EHS students named Presidential Scholar candidates (Feb. 2014)

Marching Band State Championships November, 2013

Four high school bands placed among the state's top three bands in their divisions at the annual state championships

- Buchholz: #1 in Class 4A
- GHS: #2 in Class 3A
- Newberry: #2 in Class 1A
- Santa Fe: #3 in Class 2A



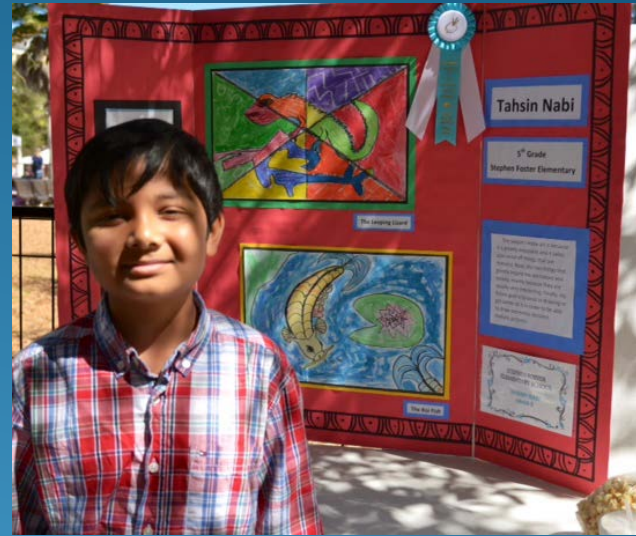
Elementary Chorus Performances at UF basketball games

Choruses from Meadowbrook, Hidden Oak and Wiles performed at this season's UF Men's Basketball home games.



Winter Fine Art Fair at Tioga (March 7-9)

The works of 18 Alachua County Public School elementary, middle and high school students were exhibited at the event, sponsored by the Gainesville Fine Arts Association.



Classroom Technology Equipment

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 (i.e. IT lab at Bishop, business lab at Westwood)
- Refreshing and updating computers and projectors in classrooms
- Wireless in schools
- Training and support

One mill is absolutely crucial to technology in local schools.



Alachua County Public Schools Profile

- Highest Advanced Placement passing ratio in Florida for 8 of the last 9 years (*36% of local 10th-12th graders take an AP test*)
- Among the top three Florida districts in average SAT scores for six straight years; currently ranked #2 behind Washington, with 8 test takers (*4% of seniors*); Alachua County had 871 test takers (*44%*)
- Four schools among the top high schools nationwide (*Washington Post*): Buchholz, Eastside, GHS, Santa Fe
- 34 National Merit Finalists in 2014, 32 in 2013
- State and national awards for students and staff (i.e. 7 straight national titles for BHS math team, GHS student earns world's highest score on Cambridge English exam)
- Highest percentage of teachers with advanced degrees in Florida

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