

### **Half-Cent for Schools Ballot Language**

The Half-Cent for Schools will be on the November 6 general election ballot. Due to a large number of local, state and national races and proposed changes to Florida's Constitution, that ballot is expected to be a long one, and voters will have to check their ballots carefully to ensure they have voted on this particular item. More specific information on where the Half-Cent for Schools will be located on the ballot should be provided in the fall.

The ballot language for the Half-Cent for Schools lays out how the revenues will be used. It also requires an independent citizens' oversight committee review all expenditures from the Half-Cent revenues to be sure the ballot language is being followed.

The ballot language is as follows:

### **Half-Cent Sales Surtax to Improve School Facilities**

Shall the School Board of Alachua County levy a half-cent sales surtax to finance safety and security improvements; repair, renovation and remodeling of Board-owned schools, including modernization of classrooms, science labs and other spaces; technology; elimination of portable classrooms; new construction; land acquisition and improvement; and other school facilities projects; with oversight by an independent citizens' committee? The tax would begin January 1, 2019, and last twelve years.

\_\_\_\_\_ For the Half-Cent Tax

\_\_\_\_\_ Against the Half-Cent Tax