



# *Special Millage Referendum Presentation to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners*



**May 22, 2018**



# AUTHORITY FOR A MILLAGE INCREASE

Section 1011.73, Florida Statutes, provides in pertinent part that:

MILLAGE AUTHORIZED NOT TO EXCEED 4 YEARS.  
The district school board, pursuant to resolution adopted at a regular meeting, ***shall direct the county commissioners to call an election*** at which the electors within the school district may approve an ad valorem tax millage as authorized under s. 1011.71(9).



# AUTHORITY FOR A MILLAGE INCREASE

Such election may be held at any time, except that not more than one such election shall be held during any 12-month period. Any millage so authorized shall be levied for a period not in excess of 4 years or until changed by another millage election, whichever is earlier.

# LIMITATIONS ON BALLOT LANGUAGE

Subsection (4)(b) of Section 1011.73, Florida Statutes provides that:

- The district school board shall provide the wording of the substance of the measure and the ballot title in the resolution calling for the election. The wording of the ballot must conform to the provisions of Section 101.161, Florida Statutes.



# **LIMITATIONS ON BALLOT LANGUAGE**

- B. Subsection (1) of Section 101.161, Florida Statutes, states that a public measure, such as a referendum, when submitted to the vote of the people shall:
- (1) Be printed in clear and unambiguous language on the ballot and be limited to not more than 75 words in length;
  - (2) Have a ballot title with 15 words or less;
  - (3) Be printed after the list of candidates.

# ELECTION EXPENSES

Subsection (7) of Section 1011.73, Florida Statutes provides that:

The cost of the publication of the notice of the election and all expenses of the election shall be paid by the district school board.

However, because the School Board has requested that this proposal be included in the 2018 August Primary Election, OCPS will not incur any costs associated with a special election.



# PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE

## BALLOT TITLE:

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
AD VALOREM MILLAGE ELECTION

**BALLOT QUESTION:** Shall the School Board of Orange County, Florida **renew** the current one mill ad valorem millage for essential operating expenses in order to preserve academic programs, retain highly qualified teachers and protect arts, athletics and student activities beginning July 1, 2019, and ending four (4) fiscal years later on June 30, 2023, with annual reporting to ensure proper fiscal stewardship of these funds to the citizens of Orange County?



# BCC ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of a Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (“BCC”) regarding the Resolution of the Orange County School Board directing the BCC to call an election for a referendum to be placed on the ballot of the August 28, 2018 Primary Election.



# **BCC ACTION REQUESTED**

## **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**