

CLAY COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOLS

# Continuation of the One Mill

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*March 29, 2022*



# History



- The Marjory Stoneman Douglas Act became law in 2018 requiring all schools in Florida to have either an armed school resource officer or an armed guardian on school campuses from bell-to-bell every day that school is in session.
- In 2018, CCDS had separate interlocal agreements with Clay County Sheriff's Office, the City of Green Cove Springs, and the Town of Orange Park to provide a school resource officer at our junior and senior high schools only. Elementary schools were not covered.

# History



- Funding the Marjory Stoneman Douglas mandate continued to be a concern and barrier. In 2018, the Board and administration went to the public with a ballot requesting a Mill increase for four years to help fund having a SRO at every school and to implement safety/security improvements for students and staff. The community supported the safety/security Mill.
- With the mill funds, CCDS created the police department with a continuance of selected Guardians at larger campus sites, as well as continuing partnerships with our Green Cove Springs and Town of Orange Park police departments.



## CCDS has responsibly utilized the Mill funds for what they were intended.

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Year 1 2019-2020</b>	<b>Year 2 2020-2021</b>	<b>Year 3 2021-2022 (Proposed)</b>
CCDSPD Salary & Benefits*	\$4.3M	\$4.06M	\$4.3M
Purchased Services	\$588,825	\$158,000	\$500,000
Energy Services	\$45,863	\$38,000	\$45,000
Materials & Supplies	\$119,214	\$32,000	\$50,000
Capital Outlay (hardening of schools)	\$4.2M	\$1.7M	\$4M
Health Insurance	\$2M	\$2M	\$2M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11.2M</b>	<b>\$7.9M</b>	<b>\$10.8M</b>

\*Note: About 75% of the Mill funds is used to pay for salaries and benefits

# Finances



## Safety and Security School Projects:

- Access Controls
- Fencing
- Camera Systems
- Front Office Enhancements
- Single Key Initiative
- Impact Resistant Film
- Single Point of Entry
- Intercom and PA System Upgrades
- Lockdown Devices
- Security Lighting Upgrades
- Upgrade School and Bus Radios

# Finances - Impact to Homeowners



## What is the impact of one mill to the homeowner in Clay County?

A millage rate refers to the percentage of a property's value that the school district may levy as a tax. One mill is equal to 0.1% or 1/1000 of the value of the property less exemptions.

The table below provides a visual representation of the impact of the one mill to homeowner:

<b>Taxable Value</b>	<b>Exemption</b>	<b>Adjusted Taxable Value</b>	<b>Annual Tax Impact</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
\$250,000	(\$50,000)	\$200,000	\$200.00	\$.55	\$3.85

# Finances - ½ Cent Sales Tax



## **Why can't we use money from the ½ cent sales tax to fund the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Act?**

EDFIRST, by law, CANNOT be used for personnel salary costs.

EDFIRST funding is being utilized according to the intent of the referendum and is monitored by an independent oversight committee.

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## What is the impact if the mill does not continue?

- General fund would absorb approximately \$6M in the general operating budget.
- As a reminder, over 80% of the General Fund pays for human capital - salaries and benefits.
- Reducing the General Fund directly impacts our ability to maintain the level and quality of instructional programs and support the community expects in our schools.
- Projected opening of Spring Park Elementary is an added cost for 2023-2024 school year.
- Increased burden of maintaining the current operational services (FRS contributions, new unfunded legislative mandates, impact of inflation).



# Finances



**It is important to note CCDS is required by law to provide safety and security at every campus with or without the continued Mill.**

Our CCDS Police Department still remains the most fiscally responsible option to protect our students and staff at all of our schools, as well as, remain in compliance with state law.

# Next Steps



The timeline to continue the one mill:

- At the May 5th School Board Meeting, the board votes on allowing the public to decide if the one mill should be continued.
- In June, the BCC will vote for consideration on the continuation of the one mill.
- Referendum sent in June to Election Office.
- August 2022 Primary - the Continued Resolution will be voted on by the public.