

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CLAY COUNTY,
FLORIDA, ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A REFERENDUM ELECTION will be held with the November 3, 2026 General Election, in the School District of CLAY County, Florida, for the purpose of determining whether or not the electors in the School District approve the levy of an ad valorem property tax of one mill annually for four years from July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2031, to provide funding to protect students and schools by investing in school safety, including the presence of law enforcement officers in schools, and to support strong academic results by attracting and retaining high-quality teachers and staff through competitive compensation, shall the School District of Clay County renew the existing one-mill ad valorem funding for four years, with all expenditures subject to review by an independent citizens' oversight committee all as more specifically described and provided in a Resolution of the School Board of Clay County, Florida, adopted April 2, 2026, and published below.

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE

PROTECT STUDENT SAFETY AND RETAIN QUALITY
TEACHERS AND STAFF BY RENEWING AN AD VALOREM
MILLAGE.

OFFICIAL BALLOT SUMMARY

To protect students and schools by investing in school safety, including the presence of law enforcement officers in schools, and to support strong academic results by attracting and retaining high-quality teachers and staff through competitive compensation, shall the School District of Clay County renew the existing one-mill ad valorem funding for four years, with all expenditures subject to review by an independent citizens' oversight committee?

Instructions to voters:

_____ YES, FOR THE ONE (1) MILL OF AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE

_____ NO, DO NOT RENEW THE ONE (1) MILL AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, TO DETERMINE THE DULY QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SHOULD RENEW THE LEVY OF AN ADDITIONAL OPERATING MILLAGE OF ONE MILL ANNUALLY FOR FOUR YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2027, TO PROTECT STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS BY INVESTING IN SCHOOL SAFETY, INCLUDING THE PRESENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN SCHOOLS, AND TO SUPPORT STRONG ACADEMIC RESULTS BY ATTRACTING AND

RETAINING HIGH-QUALITY TEACHERS AND STAFF THROUGH COMPETITIVE COMPENSATION, WITH ALL EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

The polls will be open at the voting places from 7 am until 7 pm on November 3, 2026. Mail-in-voting will be available for the referendum election. Adequate provisions shall be made by the Supervisor of Elections for early voting in accordance with law.

All qualified electors residing within the School District shall be entitled, qualified, and permitted to vote at the referendum election. The School Board of Clay County shall be authorized to levy the tax covered by the question stated above if the question is approved by vote of a majority of the duly qualified electors of Clay County voting thereon.

SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Chair, The School Board of Clay County, Florida

ATTEST: _____
Secretary, The School Board of Clay County, Florida

Approved as to form and legality:

Jeremiah Blocker
School Board Attorney