

**APPENDIX A**

**SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF 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.

WHEREAS, the funding available to the School District of Clay County, Florida (the "District") is insufficient to meet the District's normal operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Clay County, Florida (the "School Board") anticipates further decreases in available funding for operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, available funding is insufficient for the District to recruit teachers and staff, and invest in school safety to protect students and schools; and

WHEREAS, in general, the State's funding formula does not the use of capital funds for operating expenses; however, 1011.71(9) and Section 1011.73, Florida Statutes, authorize a school board to levy additional operating millage of up to one mill for to four years for school purposes, subject to approval by the electors of the county voting in a referendum; and

WHEREAS, if such operating millage levy is approved, the School Board will provide funding for the purposes described above to traditional public and charter schools throughout District, and such expenditures will be monitored by a citizen advisory committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Referendum. School Board hereby calls for a referendum to be held throughout Clay County, Florida, on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, which is November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the duly-qualified electors of Clay County the question of whether to renew the increase of the operating millage by one mill for four years beginning 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, with all expenditures subject to review by an independent citizens' oversight committee.

Section 2. Term of Levy: Charter Schools. If the one mill increase shall be approved by vote of a majority of the duly qualified electors of Clay County, Florida, voting thereon, the School Board shall levy the one mill for the foregoing purposes for four years beginning July 1, 2027. As authorized by Section 1011.71 (9), Florida Statutes, the revenue from the one mill levy will be shared with eligible charter schools based on their proportionate share of District school enrollment.

Section 3. Notice of Election. A notice of the referendum shall be published in conformity with Florida law.

Section 4. Official Ballot. The official ballot to be used in the election to be held on November 3, 2026, shall be in full compliance with the laws of the State of Florida and shall be substantially in the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT (ENGLISH)

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

**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?**

BOLETA OFICIAL (ESPAÑOL)

**PROTEGER LA SEGURIDAD DE LOS  
ESTUDIANTES Y RETENER MAESTROS Y  
PERSONAL DE CALIDAD MEDIANTE LA  
RENOVACIÓN DE UN IMPUESTO AD VALOREM**

**Para proteger a los estudiantes y las escuelas mediante inversiones en seguridad escolar, incluyendo la presencia de oficiales de policía en las escuelas, y para apoyar buenos resultados académicos al atraer y retener maestros y personal de alta calidad mediante una compensación competitiva, ¿deberá el Distrito Escolar del Condado de Clay renovar el impuesto ad valorem existente de un (1) mil por cuatro (4) años, con todos los**

**gastos revisados por un comité ciudadano independiente de supervisión?**

           YES/Si  
           NO/NO

Section 5. Severability. It is declared to be the intent of the School Board that, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the of the remaining portions hereof.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the School Board of Clay County, Florida the 2<sup>ND</sup> day of April, 2026, with a quorum present and voting.

SCHOOL BOARD OF  
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Erin Skipper, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary, The School Board of Clay County, Florida

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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School Board Attorney  
Clay County School District

## Supporting Documents

1. Transmittal Letter dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 from Clay County School Board
2. Minutes from Special Clay County School Board Meeting, Thursday, \_\_\_\_\_, 2026