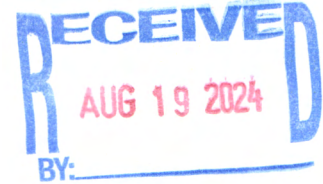




August 5, 2024

Via Federal Express:

Mr. Jeff Rogers
County Administrator
Hernando County, Florida
15470 Flight Path Drive
Brooksville, FL 34604



RE: The School Board of Hernando County —Referendum Election to Approve The Continuation Of The One Mill Ad Valorem Tax Millage For School Operational Purposes For Four Additional Years in The Hernando County School District.

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Please consider this letter as Notice to the County Administrator from The Hernando County School Board ("School Board") provided in compliance with Section 212.054(7)(a) and (b), Florida Statutes. At its meeting held May 28, 2024, the School Board adopted Resolution 2024-007 calling for a referendum election seeking approval for the continuation of the one mill ad valorem tax millage for school operational purposes for four additional years ("One Mill") in the District, in accordance with Section 212.055(6), Florida Statutes. The millage is authorized subject to approval by referendum in accordance with Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes.

At its June 11, 2024 meeting, The Hernando County Board of County Commissioners ("HCB OCC") adopted Resolution 2024-143, which encompasses the School Board's Resolution 24-007. As provided in Section 212.055(10), Florida Statutes, the School Board has requested that the referendum be placed on the ballot of the general election to be held on November 5, 2024. Please find a fully executed certified copy of the HCB OCC Resolution 2024-143 enclosed. Additionally, please find the enclosed Spanish translation of the approved ballot title and ballot question provided on behalf of the Hernando County School Board for your records.

Thank you for your assistance. Please advise if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

David M. Delaney, Esq.
Board Attorney for The Hernando County School Board

Enclosures

cc:(via electronic mail)



Members, The Hernando County School Board
Superintendent Ray Pinder
Shirley Anderson
Gina Michalicka
Joyce McIntyre
Kelly Pogue

RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 - 103

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, PLACING THE PROPOSED REFERENDUM
FOR AN ADDITIONAL SCHOOL MILLAGE ON THE BALLOT OF THE 2024
GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR
THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, as authorized under Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes, the School Board of Hernando County has adopted a resolution requesting a referendum to approve additional millage to be placed on the November 5, 2024 general election ballot for consideration by the voters of Hernando County; and,

WHEREAS, the ballot question is contained in a copy of the resolution of the Hernando County School Board attached hereto as Exhibit "A," which is incorporated herein *in haec verba* and is hereinafter referred to as the "ballot question;" and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes, the governing body of the County must place the ballot question on the ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY:

1 **Section 1.** The ballot question as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated
2 herein by reference, shall be placed on the ballot for the Tuesday, November 5, 2024, general
3 election by the Hernando County Supervisor of Elections.

4 **Section 2.** The Hernando County School Board shall provide the Hernando County
5 Supervisor of Elections with a Spanish-language translation of the ballot question, as required by 52
6 U.S.C. § 10503, on or before August 20, 2024.

7 **Section 3.** The Hernando County School Board shall be responsible for publication of the
8 required notice of said election, in English and Spanish as required by 52 U.S.C. § 10503, or make
9 arrangements for the Hernando County Supervisor of Elections to do so.

10 **Section 4.** The Hernando County School Board shall be responsible for all costs that may be
11 incurred by the Hernando County Supervisor of Elections in relation to the referendum.

12 **Section 5.** The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall provide certified copies of this Resolution to
13 the Hernando County Supervisor of Elections and the Hernando County School Board.

14 **Section 6. Severability.** It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County
15 Commissioners that if any section, subsection, clause, sentence, phrase, or provision of this
16 resolution is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the
17 validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

18 **Section 7. Conflicting Provisions Repealed.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in
19 conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed.

20 **Section 8. Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
2 HERNANDO COUNTY in Regular Session this 9th day of April 2024.

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4 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
5 HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA
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9 Attest:

10 Hidi Kumpze, Deputy Clerk
11 DOUGLAS CHORVAT, JR.
12 Clerk & Comptroller

13 Elizabeth Narverud
14 ELIZABETH NARVERUD
15 Chairman

16 Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency
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[Signature]
County Attorney



CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY
DOUG CHORVAT, JR.
CLERK OF COURTS



BY: Patricia Tapia D.C.
THIS 25 DAY OF July 2024

RESOLUTION NO. R24-007

RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HERNANDO COUNTY, DIRECTING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY TO CALL AN ELECTION AT WHICH THE ELECTORS WITHIN THE COUNTY WILL BE ASKED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE ONE MILL AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONAL PURPOSES FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL YEARS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTION TO CALL AN ELECTION ASKING THE VOTERS TO CONTINUE THE ONE MILL AD VALOREM TAX FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS: PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE REFERENDUM QUESTION AND BALLOT TITLE

WHEREAS, the School Board of Hernando County (the "Board") is charged with operating the public schools within Hernando County, Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has as its primary goal the continued improvement of the education provided to the students attending its public schools; and,

WHEREAS, the education funds available to the Board through the state funding formula and the Required Local Effort do not give the Board adequate resources to create the standard in education that its students require; and,

WHEREAS, Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes, authorizes the qualified electors of the Hernando School District to approve additional millage for operational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board is aware that voters in some Florida school districts have approved additional millage for school operations and have seen gains in student results; and,

WHEREAS, some Florida school districts have used the additional revenue generated by the increased millage to recruit and hire additional instructional personnel, including teachers, school support staff, and certified school mental health counselors, creating a challenging competition for Hernando County's limited pipeline of qualified personnel; and,

WHEREAS, the Board intends that revenues generated by the additional millage shall be used to attract and retain high-quality teachers and staff with competitive salaries and provide additional staff to support student needs; and,

WHEREAS, the Board further intends to use additional millage funds to maintain and increase school safety measures, increase mental health services for students, provide students and staff with devices, resources and support, and to maintain and increase educational opportunities for students; and,

WHEREAS, a Citizens Volunteer Millage Committee shall be appointed and continue to review annual spending; and,

WHEREAS, charter schools are public schools and therefore shall receive a proportionate share from the additional funding source; and,

WHEREAS, millage rates for the Required Local Effort in Hernando County have steadily decreased over the past 10 years, reducing the impact on property owners and creating ample space for an increase without nearing the cap allowed by law; and,

WHEREAS, all of the funds collected from this 1 mill increase will stay in Hernando County, thus improving local economic conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of students to give qualified electors the opportunity to approve additional millage for school operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Hernando County, Florida, in a public meeting duly called and assembled:

1. That pursuant to Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County is hereby directed to call an election on November 5, 2024, for the qualified electors of Hernando County to vote on whether to continue the increase of ad valorem millage by one mill. Collections for the additional millage shall begin January 2026, and shall terminate after four years from its enactment, as authorized by Section 1011.71(9), Florida Statutes, unless renewed by said voters.

2. The substance of the millage referendum question and the ballot title shall read:

HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT

MILLAGE ELECTION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Shall the School Board of Hernando County renew the levy of ad- valorem operating millage of 1 mill annually to 1) attract and retain high-quality teachers and staff with competitive salaries and provide additional staff to support student needs, 2) maintain and increase school safety measures and increase mental health services for students, 3) provide students and staff with devices, resources and support, 4) maintain and increase educational opportunities for all students, and 5) appoint a Citizens Volunteer Millage Committee for the continued review of annual spending.

_____ YES, for millage

_____ NO, against millage

School Board Attorney

Hernando School District
Millage Election for Public School Students

Shall the School Board renew the levy of ad-valorem operating millage of 1 mill annually to 1) attract and retain high-quality teachers and staff with competitive salaries and provide additional staff to support student needs, 2) maintain and increase school safety measures and mental health services for students, 3) provide students and staff with devices, resources and support, and 4) maintain and increase educational opportunities, sharing with charter students as legally required.

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_____ No, against millage

Distrito Escolar de Hernando
Elección de Impuesto para Estudiantes de Escuelas Públicas

¿Deberá la Junta Escolar renovar el gravamen para imponer 1.00 milésima de dólar de impuesto inmobiliario *ad-valorem* para 1) atraer y retener maestros y personal de alta calidad con salarios competitivos y proporcionar personal adicional para apoyar las necesidades de los estudiantes, 2) mantener y aumentar las medidas de seguridad escolar y servicios de salud mental para los estudiantes, 3) proporcionar a los estudiantes y al personal dispositivos, recursos y apoyo, y 4) mantener y aumentar las oportunidades educativas, compartiendo con los estudiantes chárter como lo requiere la ley.

_____ Si, a favor del impuesto

_____ No, en contra del impuesto

I attest the accuracy of this Spanish-to-English translation.



RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 - 143

A RESOLUTION OF THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING EXHIBIT “A” TO RESOLUTION 2024-103.

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2024, the School District of Hernando County, Florida, acting by and through the School Board of Hernando County (the "School Board"), adopted Resolution R24-007, which provides for a referendum election to be held on November 5, 2024, to determine whether or not the Hernando County School Board may continue to levy an ad-valorem operating millage of 1 mill annually; and,

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2024, the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution 2024-103, which sets the referendum as requested by the School Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners attached a copy of School Board Resolution R24-007, to Resolution 2024-103 as Exhibit "A" thereto; and,

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2024, the School Board enacted an amended and restated version of Resolution R24-007 ("Amended Resolution R24-007), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT:

1. Resolution 2024-103 is hereby amended by substituting Exhibit “A” hereto for the existing Exhibit “A” thereof; and,
2. All other portions of Resolution 2024-054 remain in full force and effect.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HERNANDO COUNTY in Regular Session this 11th day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attest:

Heidi Kumpke, Deputy Clerk
DOUGLAS CHORVAT, JR.
Clerk & Comptroller

E. Narverud
ELIZABETH NARVERUD
Chairman

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency

/s/ Jon Jouben
County Attorney



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EXHIBIT "A"

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School Board Attorney