

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, in both March 2002 and March 2006 the voters of Sarasota County approved a millage referendum permitting the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida (the "School Board") to levy an additional one mill of ad valorem taxes for the operating expenses of the School District; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board has used the additional revenue generated by the increased millage to maintain and expand academic programs including remediation programs, to hire additional instructional personnel including teachers, school support staff, and guidance counselors, and to fund cost of living salary increases for teachers and other employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the state funding formula only allows for an average Florida public school education; and

**WHEREAS**, in the absence of the additional operating revenue generated by the additional voted one mill, the School Board would face a revenue shortfall that would result in significant budget cuts requiring the elimination of numerous academic programs and positions; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board must maintain sufficient revenues to maintain its high quality schools.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the School Board of Sarasota 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 Sarasota County is hereby directed to call an election for March 16, 2010, for the qualified electors of the Sarasota County School District to vote on a continuation of the ad valorem millage increase for operating expenses of the School District approved in both March 2002 and March 2006 as authorized by Section 1011.71(8), Florida Statutes.

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

SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AD VALOREM MILLAGE ELECTION

March 16, 2010

Shall the Sarasota County School District ad valorem millage increase of 1.00 mill per year adopted by the voters in March 2006 for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2010 be continued for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2014 for operating expenses necessary to maintain academic programs and teaching positions in the Sarasota County public school system?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, for continuation

\_\_\_\_\_ NO, against continuation

3. Provided the continuation of the millage increase for Sarasota County Schools is approved, a financial oversight committee appointed by the School Board

shall issue an annual report to insure proper fiscal  
stewardship of the funds.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 6th day of October, 2009.

ATTEST:

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Lori M. White,  
Ex-Officio Secretary

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Caroline G. Zucker,  
Chair