

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, in March 2002, March 2006, March 2010, and March 2014 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 certified school counselors, and to fund costs associated with a longer school day; 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 20, 2018, 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 March 2002, March 2006, March 2010, and March 2014 as authorized by Section 1011.71(9), Florida Statutes.

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

SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AD VALOREM MILLAGE ELECTION

March 20, 2018

Shall the Sarasota County School District ad valorem millage increase of 1.00 mill per year adopted by the voters in March 2014 for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2018 be continued for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2022 for operating expenses necessary to maintain the quality of Sarasota County's 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. In addition, the committee shall identify relevant outcomes and report results to the community.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 3rd day of October, 2017.

ATTEST:

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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C. Todd Bowden,  
Ex-Officio Secretary

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