



½ Penny for Schools



An A-Rated School District



½ Penny Still Needed

- Maintain **over 30 million sq. ft. and \$9 billion dollars of buildings** to avoid creating deteriorating facilities and maintenance backlog
- **Existing funding streams are not sufficient** to maintain current needs due to escalation of construction, materials, and maintenance costs
- There are **no other funding options available** for schools
- Due to legislative changes, **school districts receive 25% less** in capital revenue as compared to 2008



Lake Worth High School (1922 and present)



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PALM BEACH COUNTY
1/2 PENNY PLAN



ENHANCES
school Security
and Safety



FUNDS
Capital and maintenance
projects



IMPROVES
classroom technology
and equipment



UPGRADES
the school bus fleet



REINVESTS
in schools and facilities



THE 1/2 PENNY
is a continuation of an existing sales
tax rate for schools in Palm Beach
County and **will not raise taxes**



Referendum Projects

- **Buildings, Facilities and Equipment**
 - Safety and Security Enhancements
 - Planned Maintenance to Maintain Schools and Facilities
 - School-Based Initiatives
- **Technology**
- **School Buses**
- **Charter Schools**





Facts About the ½ Penny for Education

- ✔ **Dedicated Funding:** Dedicated funding for specific capital-related projects for traditional public and charter public schools.
- ✔ **All Funds Stay Local:** All funds stay in Palm Beach County and invests in our kids, classroom technology and school safety.
- ✔ **Does Not Raise Taxes:** The ½ penny is a continuation of an existing sales tax for schools and will not raise taxes.
- ✔ **Tax Has a Cap:** The ½ penny is capped at the first \$5,000 of a single consumer purchase.
- ✔ **Exemptions For Essentials:** Certain groceries, medicine, medical equipment, baby formula and diapers are generally exempt from all sales taxes.
- ✔ **Tourists and Visitors Pay:** Tourists and visitors also pay the sales tax.
- ✔ **Expires in 10 years:** The ½ penny expires in 10 years and cannot be extended without voter approval.
- ✔ **Oversight:** Overseen by an independent committee of local citizens and experts.



½ Penny for Schools and Kids on the November Ballot

PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOLS SECURITY, TECHNOLOGY, FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE ONE-HALF CENT SALES SURTAX

To support educational opportunities for students by upgrading and enhancing safety and security of schools; classroom technology and equipment, school buildings and facilities, and school buses, for Palm Beach County traditional public and charter public schools; shall the School Board levy a one-half cent sales surtax beginning January 1, 2026 and, by law, automatically ending December 31, 2035, with oversight of all funds by an independent committee of citizens and experts?



_____ FOR THE ONE-HALF CENT TAX

_____ AGAINST THE ONE-HALF CENT TAX

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2024



Three Ways to Vote



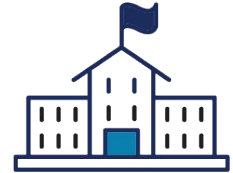
October 24

**Vote By Mail
Request Deadline**



October 21 - November 3

Early Voting



November 5

Election Day

Register to Vote at VotePalmBeach.gov