

RESOLUTION

of the

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

regarding

**RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
DIRECTING THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS TO CALL AN ELECTION FOR A
REFERENDUM TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT OF THE
AUGUST 28, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION**

Resolution No. 2018- M-15

WHEREAS, the School Board of Orange County, on April 10, 2018, passed a Resolution Providing for the Holding of a Referendum Election to Determine if the Electors of the School District of Orange County, Florida Authorize the School Board to renew the current One Mill for Four Years for essential operating expenses (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the School Board Resolution directs the Orange County Board of County Commissioners to call for the election, as provided under Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes.

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

Section 1. That a referendum is hereby called pursuant to Section 1011.73(2) Florida Statutes, on the question set forth in the attached Resolution of the School Board of Orange County and the Orange County Supervisor of Elections is hereby directed to place such question on the Ballot of the August 28, 2018 Primary Election.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF MAY 22 2018, 2018.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Teresa Jacobs*
Teresa Jacobs
Orange County Mayor
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ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: *Craig A. Stoyars*
for Deputy Clerk

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EXHIBIT A

A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ORANGE, FLORIDA, ORDERING AND PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A REFERENDUM ELECTION TO DETERMINE IF THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL BOARD TO RENEW THE ONE MILL FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL YEARS FOR ESSENTIAL OPERATING EXPENSES.

WHEREAS, economic circumstances prompted significant budget reductions to the education funding formula after the 2007-08 fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Orange County School District is receiving from the Florida Legislature a mere \$33 per student more in actual funding than eleven years ago in fiscal year 2007-08, an average increase of only \$3 per student per year; and,

WHEREAS, when inflation is factored in, the Orange County School District has actually experienced a decrease in funding of \$1,409 per student or about 19% less in funding per student since fiscal year 2007-08; and,

WHEREAS, the Orange County School District relies on the total taxable property values to generate additional local funds for operating expenses; and,

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has decreased Required Local Effort (RLE) millage by 1.457 mills or 18% over the last five (5) years, which is used to fund operational expenses for all Orange County public schools including charter schools; and,

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature only appropriated a 47 cent increase to the Base Student Allocation for the 2018-19 school year to cover inflation, support a high quality education for all students and well-deserved raises for our teachers; and,

WHEREAS, the Orange County School District has experienced an increase of 36,014 students over the past eleven years including more than 2,762 student hurricane evacuees from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, Section 1011.71(9), Florida Statutes, authorizes a school district to levy, by local referendum or in a general election, additional millage for school operational purposes up to an amount that, when combined with the non-voted millage levied, does not exceed the 10 mill limit established under the Florida Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the electors of Orange County approved a similar referendum in 2010 and subsequently in 2014 allowing for an increase in the ad valorem millage for operating purposes for four (4) years pursuant to Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the Orange County School District needs sufficient revenues to maintain and improve its high quality schools; and,

WHEREAS, the increase in the ad valorem millage for operating purposes was able to help preserve academic programs, retain highly qualified teachers, and protect arts, athletics and student activities for the past eight (8) years; and,

WHEREAS, the renewal of the one mill ad valorem is not a tax increase but a four (4) year extension of the current millage rate; and,

WHEREAS, a renewal of the increase in the ad valorem millage for operating purposes will generate approximately \$622 million through the four (4) year period beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 and commencing in 2022-23; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that it is in the best interests of all students in Orange County, including those attending charter schools, to submit to the voters the question of approving a renewal of the ad valorem millage increase of one (1) mill for four (4) years for essential operating expenses in order to preserve academic programs, retain highly qualified teachers, and protect arts, athletics and student activities necessary to maintain high quality educational opportunities for all students; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Orange County, Florida, in a public meeting duly called and assembled this 10th day of April, 2018, that the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida, is hereby directed to call an election in conjunction with the primary election of August 28, 2018, at which the electors within the school district may vote on approving the renewal of the ad valorem millage increase of one mill for four (4) years as authorized under section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes and the substance of the measure and ballot title shall be as follows:

BALLOT TITLE:

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
AD VALOREM MILLAGE ELECTION**


BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the School Board of Orange County, Florida renew the current one (1) mill ad valorem millage for essential operating expenses in order to preserve academic programs, retain highly qualified teachers, and protect arts, athletics and student activities beginning July 1, 2019, and ending four (4) fiscal years later on June 30, 2023, with annual reporting to ensure proper fiscal stewardship of these funds to the citizens of Orange County?

_____ **YES FOR APPROVAL**

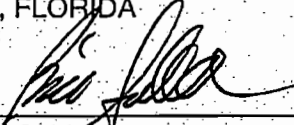
_____ **NO FOR REJECTION**

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 2018.

ATTEST:


Barbara M. Jenkins,
Ex-Officio Secretary

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ORANGE
COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: 
Bill Sublette,
School Board Chair