



Hello Tiger Families,

As you know, the Duval County School District is asking voters to approve a half-penny referendum during the upcoming election. If passed, it will generate almost \$2 billion for schools over the next 15 years.

How the half-penny will benefit Tiger

- Improvements to the physical campus/facility
- The additional dollars will allow Tiger to keep per-pupil funding in the classroom so the school can upgrade curricular materials, add instructional or support staff or add guidance counselors
- Additional classrooms, office space and a potential gymnasium can be added to the Tiger campus

Half-Penny Sales FAQs

Will students in public charter schools benefit from the half-penny? YES! This past year the Florida Legislature revised the law to ensure that all public school students in Jacksonville will benefit.

Can schools use the funds for whatever they want? No. The law requires that the funds be used for capital outlay purposes only.

Do other school districts get funding through half-penny referendums? Yes. Many districts, including some bordering Duval, have invested in the future of their schools through a half-penny sales tax. School districts across the state such as Hillsborough, Leon, Brevard, Bay, Manatee, Flagler and many more have passed half-penny referendums to ensure that their students had safe and secure school buildings. In fact, 62 of Florida's 67 school districts have passed something similar.

How You Can Help

Register to Vote: If you are not yet registered to vote, there is still time to do so. You can register up to 29 days before the election. To learn more about how to register go to the [Duval County Supervisor of Elections webpage](#).

If you plan to Vote by Mail, please be sure to request that your ballot be mailed to you. Go to the [Duval County Supervisor of Elections](#) for instructions.

Tell Your Family and Friends: Talk with your extended family and friends (who live in Jacksonville) about the importance of the half-penny and how it will benefit not only your school but all public schools in Jacksonville.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly.

Thank you for your support!

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