



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Resolution regarding the Pinellas County School Board's proposed referendum question allowing electors to vote on the approval of a one mill levy.

Recommended Action:

Adoption of a proposed resolution placing the Pinellas County School Board's proposed referendum question allowing electors to vote on the approval of a one mill levy on the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

Section 1011.71(9) of the Florida Statutes allows the School Board to seek millage to be approved by a vote of the electorate so long as the additional millage, when combined with the non-voted millage levied, does not exceed the 10-mill constitutional cap established in Section 9(b), Article VII, of the State Constitution. Florida Statutes also authorizes the School Board to direct the Board of County Commissioners to call an election for this purpose. This proposed levy will be imposed for four (4) years beginning July 1, 2025, and continuing through June 30, 2029. The amount of this levy is one mill. A tax levy of one-half mill is currently in place and will expire June 30, 2025. The Pinellas County School Board's proposal of one mill would make it consistent with other school boards in the Tampa Bay region. The attached resolution calls for an election in accordance with the provisions of the Pinellas County School Board resolution and Sections 1011.71 and 1011.73 of the Florida Statutes.

Background Information:

On May 14, 2024, the Pinellas County School Board adopted a resolution directing the Board of County Commissioners to place a measure on the ballot for electors to vote on the approval of a one mill levy from July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2029. A copy of that resolution is attached.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney

Partners:

Pinellas County School Board

Attachments:

Proposed BCC resolution placing the Pinellas County School Board referendum question on

November 5, 2024 General Election ballot.

Adopted 2024 Pinellas County School Board Resolution.

Certificate of Authenticity signed by Pinellas County School Board Attorney.

May 14, 2024, Pinellas County School Board meeting minutes (will be uploaded once approved by the Pinellas County School Board).