NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE AND BUDGET

The School Board of Sarasota County will hold a public hearing to adopt the 2026-2027 tentative millage and budget on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 5:01pm. This hearing will be held in the School Board Chambers located at 1980 Landings Boulevard, Sarasota, FL, 34231.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The School Board of Sarasota County will soon consider a budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

A public hearing to make a DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

Tuesday, July 28, 2026
5:01 p.m.
1980 Landings Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida, 34231.

BUDGET SUMMARY

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA ARE 2.2 % LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVIES SUBJECT TO 10-MILL CAP:				PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVIES NOT SUBJECT TO 10-MILL CAP:
Required Local Effort (including Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage)	2.681	Additional Millage Not to Exceed 4 Years (Operating)	1.000	0.000
Local Capital Improvement (Capital Outlay)	1.500			
Discretionary Capital Improvement	0.000			0.000
Discretionary Operating	0.748			5.929

ESTIMATED REVENUES:	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	INTERNAL SERVICE	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Federal Sources	1,371,468	48,357,213	1,967,816			51,696,497
State Sources	74,631,502	155,065	228,040	6,658,723		81,673,330
Local Sources	518,276,713	18,114,573	251,425	211,917,449	94,347,687	842,907,847
TOTAL SOURCES	594,279,683	66,626,851	2,447,281	218,576,172	94,347,687	976,277,674
Transfers In	58,363,989	1,500,000	39,311,504		950,000	100,125,493
Non-Revenue Sources						-
Fund /Net Asset Balances	82,766,197	10,927,092	41,176,685	59,975,987	28,358,645	223,204,606
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	$ 735,409,869	$ 79,053,943	$ 82,935,470	$ 278,552,159	$ 123,656,332	$ 1,299,607,773
EXPENDITURES						
Instruction	424,686,934	18,851,375				443,538,309
Pupil Personnel Services	40,536,692	3,096,179				43,632,871
Instructional Media Services	3,505,564	13,273				3,518,837
Instruction and Curriculum Development Svs	3,325,908	490,435				3,816,343
Instructional Staff Training Services	3,180,929	8,276,501				11,457,430
Instruction Related Technology	3,728,476	-				3,728,476
School Board	3,102,395	-				3,102,395
General Administration	3,648,726	1,160,623				4,809,349
School Administration	27,971,932	12,846				27,984,778
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	4,843,751	231		115,417,202		120,261,184
Fiscal Services	2,778,222	-				2,778,222
Food Services	66,985	28,449,114				28,516,099
Central Services	8,954,140	663,422			98,138,615	107,756,177
Pupil Transportation Services	26,884,558	60,318				26,944,876
Operation of Plant	63,981,435	8,270				63,989,705
Maintenance of Plant	25,835,939	-				25,835,939
Administrative Technology Services	8,428,160	3,271				8,431,431
Community Services	2,940,833	8,323,326				11,264,159
Debt Services		-	82,935,470			82,935,470
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	658,401,579	69,409,184	82,935,470	115,417,202	98,138,615	1,024,302,050
Transfers Out	2,450,000			97,675,493		100,125,493
Fund/Net Asset Balances	74,558,290	9,644,759	-	65,459,464	25,517,717	175,180,230
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, AND FUND/NET BALANCES	$ 735,409,869	$ 79,053,943	$ 82,935,470	$ 278,552,159	$ 123,656,332	$ 1,299,607,773

The tentative, adopted, and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above mentioned taxing authority as a public record.

NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, will soon consider a measure to continue to impose a 1.5 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 4.429 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

THE PROPOSED COMBINED SCHOOL BOARD TAX INCREASE FOR BOTH OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY IS SHOWN IN THE ADJACENT NOTICE.

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately $171,137,715 to be used for the following projects:

CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING

- Cafeteria Additions / Remodeling
- Classroom Wing Additions
- Construction Services / Long Range Planning:
  - Architect Fees / Services
  - Construction Managers Fees / Services
  - Consultant Fees / Services
  - Design Fees / Services
  - Engineering Fees / Services
  - Legal Fees / Services
  - Operating Expenses
  - Salaries and Benefits
  - Long-range/Capital Master Planning
- Condition Assessment Districtwide
- Facilities, Finance, Information Technology, Purchasing and Security Services
- Heating / Ventilation / Air Conditioning (HVAC) Projects
- Hurricane Hardening / Remodeling
- Library Books for New Schools
- Portables / Relocatables - Purchase New
- Portables / Relocatables - Moving / Set-up / Remodeling / Demolition
- Remodeling Projects-Districtwide
- Sidewalks - Districtwide
- Site Work and Improvements - Districtwide
- Site / Land Purchases
- Alternative School Sites
- New Construction / Remodeling Projects:
  - Career Technical Education - Districtwide
  - Covered Walkways - Districtwide
  - Garden Elementary
  - Laurel Nokomis
  - North Port High
  - Oak Park School
  - Physical Education Restrooms/Shelters
  - Safety and Security - Districtwide
  - Sarasota High School
  - Sarasota Middle School
  - Suncoast Technical College
  - Track and Athletic Field Upgrades and Maintenance

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR

For Districtwide Sites:

Reimbursement of the maintenance, renovation, and repairs paid through the General Fund

- Café Equipment/Tables
- Demolition of Existing Facilities
- Fencing
- Fire Alarm Upgrades
- Floor Coverings
- Health and Safety Corrections
- HVAC/Cooler Freezer Renovations
- Hurricane Hardening Retrofit
- Maintenance Agreements
- LED Lighting
- Painting
- Portables / Relocatables
- Roofing
- Security Projects
- Site work
- Telecommunications / Equipment Repair
- Stage Lighting/Sound

MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES

- Purchase of forty (40) School Buses
- Purchase or Lease-purchase of White Fleet Vehicles

Purchase of Motor Vehicles for the Maintenance or Operation of Plant and Equipment as permitted by Florida Statute

NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER AND DEVICE HARDWARE AND OPERATING SYSTEM SOFTWARE NECESSARY FOR GAINING ACCESS TO OR ENHANCING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC AND DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT AND RESOURCES, AND ENTERPRISE RESOURCE SOFTWARE

For Districtwide Sites:

- Cabling/Fiber Optics
- Development of district wide student testing systems
- Equipment / Hardware and Enterprise Software including site licenses
- Equipment for Portables / Relocatables
- Furniture and Equipment
- Fire Alarm / ADA Equipment
- Intercom Equipment
- Lease / Lease-Purchase of Equipment
- Science Lab Equipment
- Security Equipment
- Technology Equipment
- Telephone and Radio Equipment

PAYMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND SITES DUE UNDER A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Debt service on certificates of participation for the below schools

- Atwater Elementary School
- Booker High School
- Gocio Wing
- North Port HS
- Sarasota County Technical Institute
- Sarasota Middle School
- Skye Ranch
- Venice High School
- Wellen Park

PAYMENTS OF COSTS OF COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

For Districtwide Sites:

- CFC Compliance
- Environmental Compliance
- Fire Safety / ADA Compliance
- Indoor Air Quality
- Radon Testing
- Removal of Hazardous Waste

PAYMENTS OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL AND ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Insurance premiums on district plant

PAYMENT OF COSTS OF LEASING RELOCATABLE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Portable / Relocatable Classrooms - Districtwide Schools

PAYMENT OF COSTS OF OPENING DAY COLLECTION FOR LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

Wellen Park High School

PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS

Salaries and benefits for employees whose job duties support activities funded by the 1.5 mill capital outlay levy, including but not limited to bus drivers.

CHARTER SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS PURSUANT TO S. 1013.62(4), F.S.

- Purchase of real property
- Construction of school facilities
- Purchase, lease-purchase, or lease of permanent or relocatable school facilities
- Purchase of vehicles to transport students
- Renovation, repair, and maintenance of school facilities
- Payment of the cost of premiums for property and casualty insurance necessary to insure school facilities
- Purchase or lease of driver's education vehicles, maintenance vehicles, security vehicles, or vehicles used in storing or distributing material and equipment
- Computer and device hardware and operating system software necessary for gaining access to or enhancing the use of electronic and digital instructional content and resources, and enterprise resource software
- Payment of the cost of the opening day collection for the library media center of a new school

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on July 28, 2026 at 5:01 p.m. at the School Board Meeting Room, 1980 Landings Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida.

A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.