

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-193

BOARD RECORDS
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KAREN E. RYAN
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

**RE: Special Referendum Election -
Continuation of School District Millage Increase**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes, at its October 5, 2021 regular meeting, the Sarasota County School Board adopted a resolution directing the Board of County Commissioners to call an election for March 8, 2022 for the qualified electors of the Sarasota County School District to vote on a continuation of the ad valorem millage increase for operating expenses of the School District first approved in March 2002; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1011.73(4)(b), Florida Statutes, the School Board has provided the wording of the substance of the measure and the ballot title for the resolution calling for the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1011.73(3), Florida Statutes, the School District millage election shall be held and conducted in the manner prescribed for holding general elections, except as specifically provided in Chapter 1011, Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida, in a public meeting duly called and assembled:

1. A special referendum election is hereby called to be held on March 8, 2022 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of Sarasota County the question of whether the Sarasota County School District ad valorem millage increase of 1.00 mill per year for operating expenses originally approved by the voters in March 2002 for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2006, and continued thereafter every 4 years by referendum through June 30, 2022, should be continued for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2026.
2. The ballots to be used in the special referendum election shall contain the question to be voted upon, as adopted by the School Board, and shall be in substantially the following form:

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BALLOT TITLE: SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AD VALOREM MILLAGE ELECTION

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Sarasota County School District continue the 1 mill per year ad valorem millage beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2026 for school operational purposes, including recruiting and retaining quality teachers; implementing and preserving educational programs; providing textbooks, technology, and other resources; and sharing funds with charter schools proportionate to student enrollment as required by law, with expenditure oversight by an independent citizen's financial oversight committee.

_____ YES, for continuation

_____ NO, against continuation

3. The special election shall be held at the polling places heretofore designated in Sarasota County, Florida, unless otherwise noticed by the Supervisor of Elections.
4. The election officials to conduct said election shall be appointed and certified by the Supervisor of Elections pursuant to applicable general law.
5. The polls shall be open on the date of said special election from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All qualified electors residing within Sarasota County may vote in said election. Early voting and absentee voting shall be permitted upon compliance with applicable provisions of general law.
6. The Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners shall publish a notice of said special referenda election in the Sarasota Herald Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation published in Sarasota County, Florida. Pursuant to Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, the notice shall be published once in the fifth week prior to the week of the special election and once in the third week prior to the week of the special election with the first publication to be at least thirty (30) days before the date of the election. Said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL REFERENDUM

Notice is hereby given that a special referendum election will be held throughout Sarasota County, Florida, on March 8, 2022 at the polling place designated within each voting precinct of the County for the purpose of determining the following question:

Shall the Sarasota County School District continue the 1 mill per year ad valorem millage beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2026 for school operational purposes, including recruiting and retaining quality teachers; implementing and preserving educational programs; providing textbooks, technology, and other resources; and sharing

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_____ NO, against continuation

The polls will be open at the voting places on the date of such special election from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All qualified voters residing within Sarasota County may vote in said election. Early voting and absentee voting will be permitted upon compliance with the applicable provisions of general law.

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and the Ex-Officio Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners
of Sarasota County, Florida

7. The Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners shall immediately notify the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections of the adoption of this Resolution and transmit a certified copy of the Resolution to the Supervisor of Elections.
8. Pursuant to Section 1011.73(6), Florida Statutes, the tax levy shall be levied only if a majority of the electors participating in the election vote in favor of the proposed special millage.
9. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA this 26 day of October, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 

Chairman

ATTEST:
KAREN E. RUSHING, Clerk of Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida

By: 

Deputy Clerk