

# St. Johns County School District Half-Cent Sales Tax Annual Report

School Board Meeting  
January 14, 2025



# Half-Cent Sales Tax: Annual Report

- Resolution # 2015-30:
  - The School Board asked St. Johns County voters to approve a Half-Cent Sales Tax for critical capital infrastructure
  - Called for the formation of a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) to advise and monitor the expenditure of the sales tax proceeds
  - Required an annual report of the CAC every January
- On November 3, 2015, the voters approved the Half-Cent Sales Tax
- Collections began on January 1, 2016

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**Chairman: Jason Lewis**  
**Vice Chairman: Damian Cook**  
**Secretary: SJCS D Staff**

| <b>District 1</b>      | <b>Remaining Term</b> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Norvie Veracruz        | 2 Years               |
| Terrance Mahoney       | 2 Years               |
| Jason Lewis            | 3 Years               |
| Alternate: Derek Barrs |                       |

| <b>District 2</b>         | <b>Remaining Term</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Barbara Little            | 2 Years               |
| Amy Lasswell              | 3 Years               |
| John Lasswell             | 3 Years               |
| Alternate: Heather Barnes |                       |

| <b>District 3</b>         | <b>Remaining Term</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Edward Albanesi           | 3 Years               |
| Kim McManus               | 2 Years               |
| Alice Flores              | 2 Years               |
| Alternate: Bill McCormick |                       |

| <b>District 4</b>        | <b>Remaining Term</b> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jack Hardman             | 2 Years               |
| Damian Cook              | 2 Years               |
| Richa Jeetah             | 3 Years               |
| Alternate: Javelyn Arvay |                       |

| <b>District 5</b>          | <b>Remaining Term</b> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jen Stevenson              | 3 Years               |
| Kate Dowdie                | 2 Years               |
| Elena Laguardia            | 2 Years               |
| Alternate: Virginia Morgan |                       |

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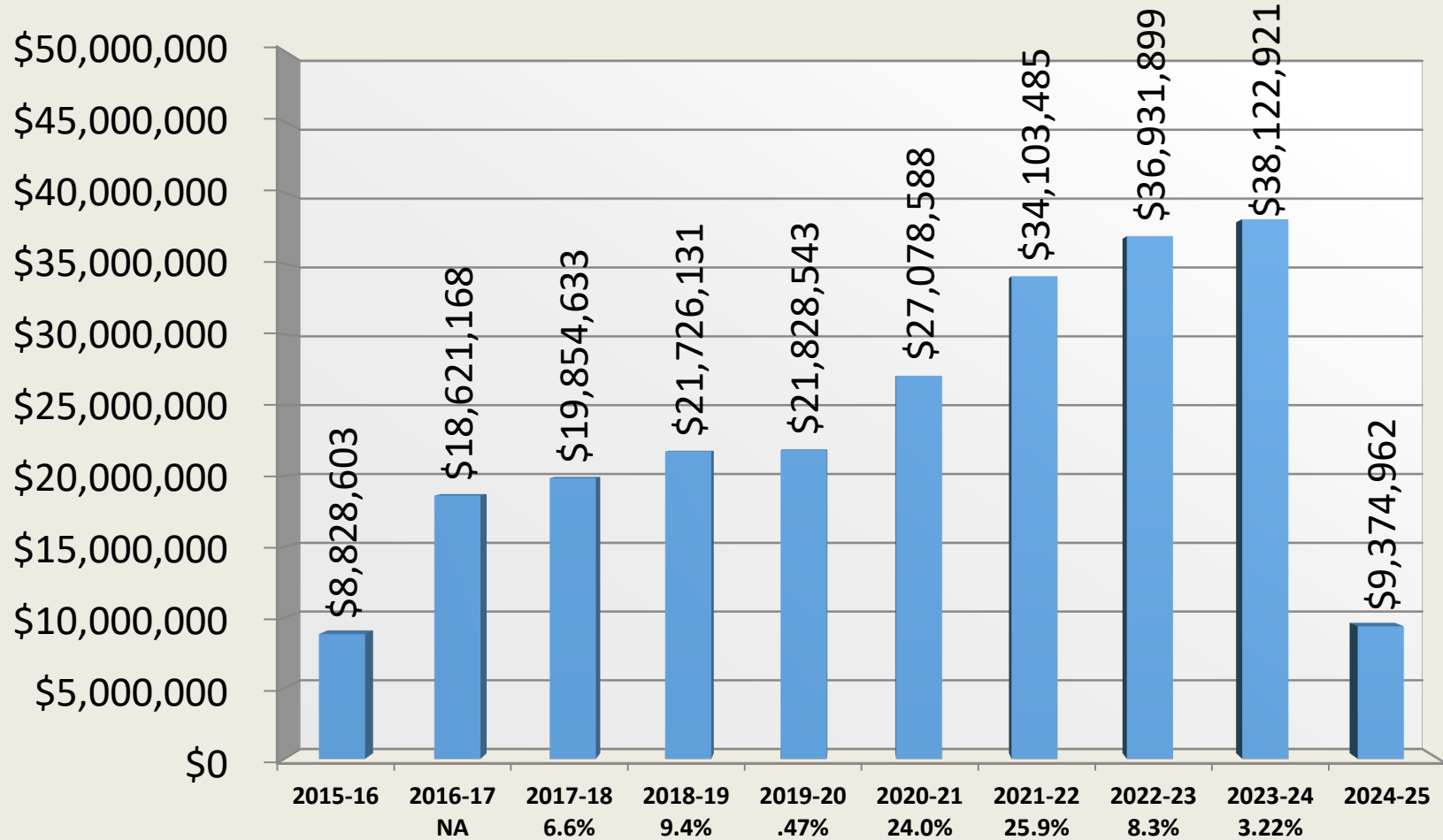
## Critically Needed Project List

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| <b>Meet the Needs of an Increasing Student Population</b>                       | <b>\$106,000,000</b> |
| <b>Maintain High Quality Educational Facilities</b>                             | <b>\$ 14,000,000</b> |
| <b>Provide New Technology to Prepare Children<br/>for 21st Century Learning</b> | <b>\$ 25,000,000</b> |
| <b>Continue to Keep our Children Safe</b>                                       | <b>\$ 5,000,000</b>  |
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|   | <b>\$150,000,000</b> |

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- Half-Cent Sales Tax projected revenue
  - \$150,000,000 over 10 years
  - \$13,000,000 per year
- In February 2016, SJCSD bonded \$50,000,000 with an interest rate of 1.72% for construction of
  - Picolata Crossing Elementary (Elementary M)
  - Freedom Crossing Academy (K-8 School LL)

## St. Johns County School District Annual Half-Cent Sales Tax Revenue As of November 30, 2024



Total revenue received @ June 30, 2024, equals \$227,095,972

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## Projects Completed as of June 2024

Meet the Needs of an Increasing Student Population

### *New Schools*

- K-8 School LL – Freedom Crossing Academy
- Elementary M - Picolata Crossing Elementary
- K-8 School KK – Palm Valley Academy (portion)
- K-8 School MM – Pine Island Academy (portion)



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## Projects Completed as of June 2024

Meet the Needs of an Increasing Student Population

### *School Expansions*

- Liberty Pines Academy Classroom Expansion
- Liberty Pines Dining Expansion
- Liberty Pines Academy Chiller Upgrades
- Switzerland Point Middle Dining Expansion
- Patriot Oaks Academy Dining Expansion



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## *Under Construction*

### South Woods Elementary School Expansion



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### South Woods Elementary School Expansion





# SOUTH WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASSROOM EXPANSION

Expected  
completion:  
Winter 2026

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## Future Projects

Meet the Needs of an Increasing Student Population

### *New Schools*

- Elementary N: South St. Johns County

### *Expansions*

- Bartram Trail High School Locker Room Expansion
- Pedro Menendez High School Locker Room Expansion



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**Projects Completed as of December 2024**  
**Maintain High Quality Educational Facilities**

## ***Roof Replacements at 14 Schools***

- W. D. Hartley Elementary School
- Ketterlinus Elementary School
- Mill Creek Academy
- PVPV/Rawlings Elementary
- Marjorie K. Rawlings Elementary
- Gamble Rogers Middle School
- Switzerland Point Middle School
- Sebastian Middle School
- Osceola Elementary School
- Alice B. Landrum Middle School
- Pedro Menendez High School (Partial)
- Bartram Trail High School (Partial)
- Ocean Palms Elementary School
- Fullerwood Training Center



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Switzerland Point  
Middle School

Phase 2 Roof Replacement

AFTER

**\$1,500,000**



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Fullerwood Training Center  
**AFTER**

**\$475,000**



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**Maintain High Quality Educational Facilities**

***Additional Roof Replacements Underway***

- Allen D. Nease High School (Partial)
- Ocean Palms Elementary School (Partial)
- Bartram Trail High School (Partial)
- Pedro Menendez High School (Partial)
- Sebastian Middle School (Partial)
- Landrum Middle School (Partial)

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**Projects Completed as of December 2024**  
**Maintain High Quality Educational Facilities**

## ***Other Facility/Site Improvements***

- RB Hunt Elementary Covered PE Area
- RJ Murray Middle School Site Improvements
- St. Augustine High School Aerospace Academy



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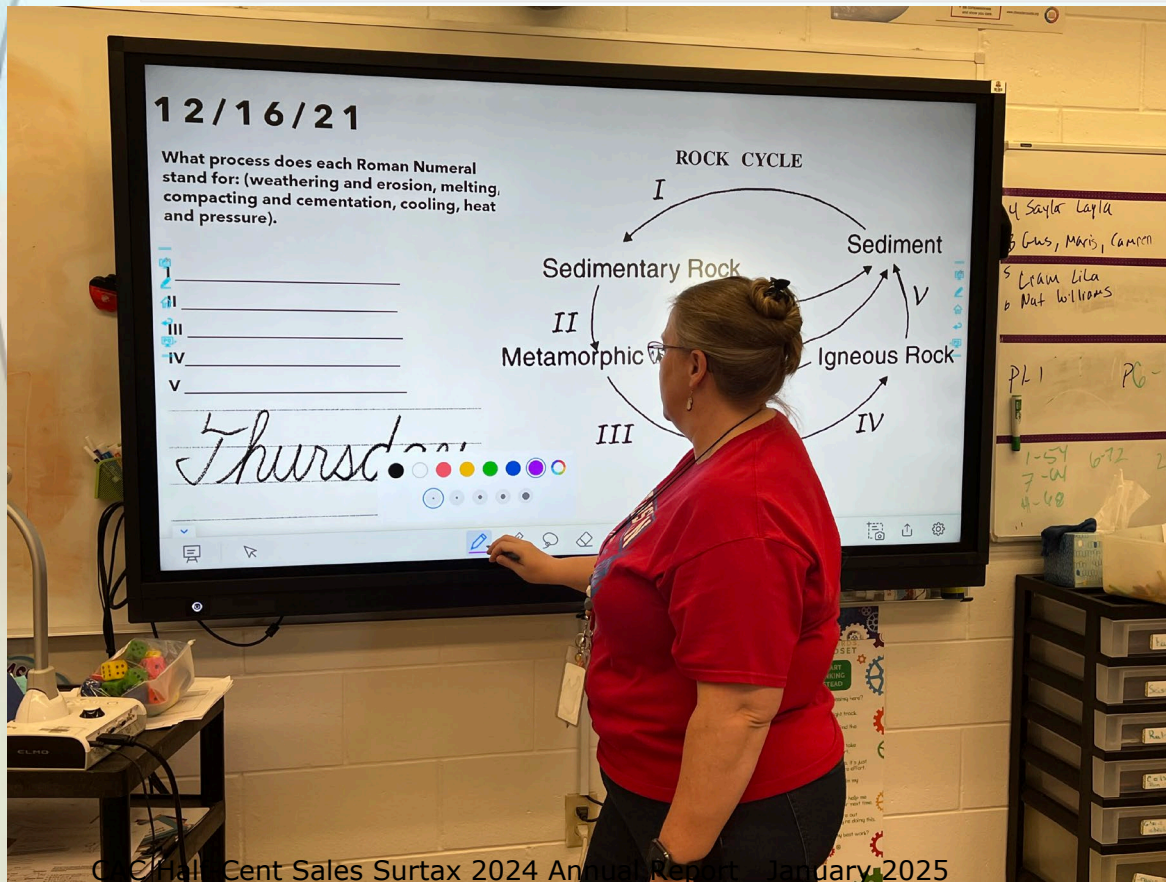
- Student Computers **8,604**
- Teacher Refresh Computers **6,850**



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**Projects Completed as of December 2024**

**Provide New Technology to Prepare Children for 21st Century Learning**



- Districtwide LED Panels

**1,420**

- Classroom technology tools:

- **\$1,318,000** Classroom Sound Reinforcement Upgrades

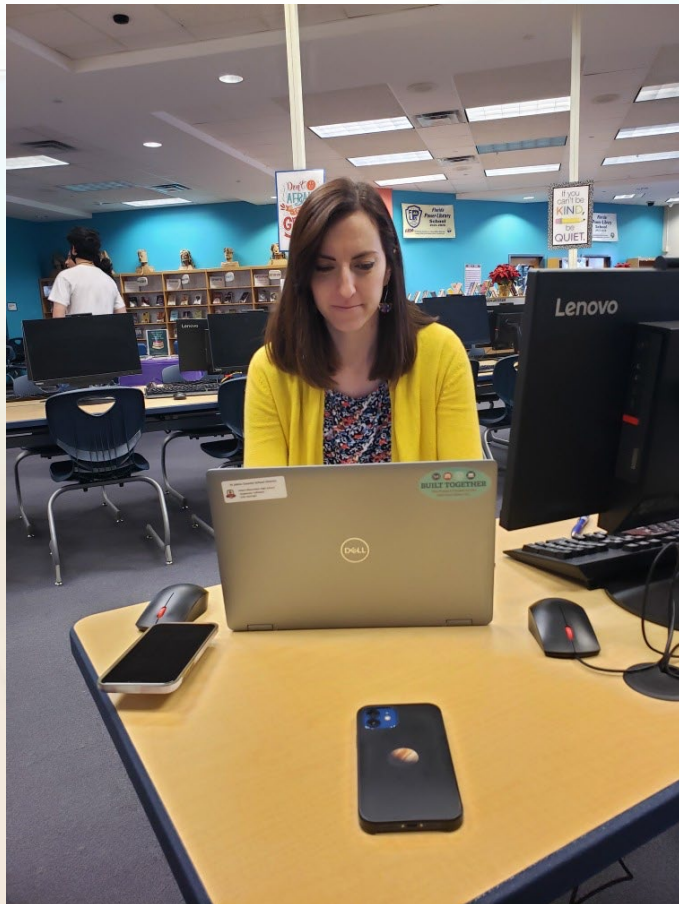
- **452** Screen Beams



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**Projects Completed as of December 2024**

**Provide New Technology to Prepare Children for 21st Century Learning**



- WiFi for Elementary Schools **\$1.4M**
- Network Switching **\$1.8M**



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## **Projects Completed as of December 2024**

### **Provide New Technology to Prepare Children for 21st Century Learning**

- Infrastructure improvements
- Wireless Access Points Upgrades
- Uninterrupted Power Supply Replacement
- Wireless School Bus Video Management & Diagnostics
- Bus Planner Routing Software

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# CENTEGIX™

EVERY. SECOND. MATTERS.

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## Sales Tax used for Security

- **Centegix: Mobile Panic Alarm Badges**
  - Per Alyssa’s Law (SB 70), all public schools, including charters, were required to be outfitted with mobile panic alert systems.
  - The system will enable all school staff to silently and easily contact law enforcement to respond in the case of an on-campus threat or crisis.



“One Button Activation.

A wearable badge with a single button enables confident human action.”

**\$1,207,000 Spent to Date**

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**Projects Completed as of December 2024**

**Continue to Keep our Children Safe**

- Single Point of Entry Improvements
- School Entry System (Buzzer & Camera)
- Upgrade Intercom Systems
- Fencing & Electronic Gate Access Controls
- Security doors and entrances
- Security cameras and monitoring systems



**Industry leading security cameras**



**Encrypted door access**

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**Projects Completed as of December 2024**

**Continue to Keep our Children Safe**

- 800 MHz radios for school buses
- Motorola Radio Enhancement System for School Buses
- Zonar School Bus GPS Technology
- Camera Upgrades on School Buses
- School Bus LED Light Retrofit





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## Critically Needed Project List      Budgeted to Date (as of 11.30.2024)

|   |                      |                      |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Meet the Needs of an Increasing Student Population                      | \$106,000,000        | \$147,595,364        |
| Maintain High Quality Educational Facilities                            | \$ 14,000,000        | \$ 26,178,349        |
| Provide New Technology to Prepare Children<br>for 21st Century Learning | \$ 25,000,000        | \$ 28,451,238        |
| Continue to Keep our Children Safe                                      | \$ 5,000,000         | \$ 15,716,865        |
|   | <b>\$150,000,000</b> | <b>\$217,941,816</b> |
| Debt Service  |                      | \$ 49,587,775        |
| Savings for Future Construction/Future Debt Service                     |                      | \$ 40,734,751        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |                      | <b>\$308,264,342</b> |

# Half Cent Sales Tax Referendum 2024

112,264 Votes in Favor – 60.26%





**PROMISES MADE...PROMISES KEPT!**



**BUILT TOGETHER**

**This Project Funded by  
Half-Cent Sales Tax.**