



## HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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#### HERNANDO APPROVES REFERENDUM FOR SCHOOLS

**November 4, 2020** - The results are in! Yesterday, 62% of Hernando County voters approved a referendum to increase millage in support of public schools. The school district presented a focused plan to use funds generated from the additional 1 mill to increase salaries, expand school safety and mental health services and broaden the number of programs and learning resources for students.

“We are grateful for all of those who supported this referendum. This year has humbled us all. But even in difficult times, our community has always prioritized children and they have been dependable advocates for our schools. We value this relationship and we will honor their trust,” Superintendent of Schools, John Stratton said.

“The funding shortfall facing the school district is real. The funds raised through this referendum allow us to move forward with recruiting and retaining talented staff and to bring even more dynamic career and learning opportunities for our students. We are so appreciative for the voters’ confidence in our work and for their support,” School Board Chair, Susan Duval said.

Funds from the referendum will start to flow to the school district in early 2022 and district estimates show the additional 1 mill may provide up to \$11 million annually for salaries, programs and services.

“We are so lucky to be part of a community that believes strongly in our people and our work. Together, we are united behind the education of our children and that will always makes us a stronger community,” Stratton said.