

VOTE YES ON DISTRICT OPTION

This district option is NOT a tax increase. This allows each district to CHOOSE if they want to impose a district tax in a later vote.

THERE ARE DIFFERENT NEEDS IN EVERY DISTRICT

Voting YES to the district option allows each district to meet the needs they have.

What this could pay for:

New schools
Lunchroom additions
New athletic facilities/upgrades
Paving, Lighting, Roofs, HVAC, VPA



THIS IS WHAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE ON THE BALLOT

"Relating to St. Clair County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize governing body of the St. Clair County to levy and collect a special public school district ad valorem tax in each school district in the county, as defined in the amendment, subject to an election in the school district; and to provide for the use of the proceeds for public school purposes in the district where levied."
Proposed by Act 2019-64

HOW MUCH AD VALOREM TAX DO WE ALREADY PAY COMPARED TO OTHERS

St. Clair County is currently assessed 13.5 Mills (a Mill is one-tenth of a cent) for education. The last time we increased ad valorem taxes was 1960.

In 1960 we had fewer than 6,000 staff and students. Currently we have 25 schools/buildings and serve almost 11,000 staff and students.

Of the 137 school systems in Alabama, we are ranked 131 in funding!

IF I VOTE YES, AND MY DISTRICT CHOOSES TO VOTE FOR MORE TAXES FOR EDUCATION, HOW MUCH WOULD THEY BE ABLE TO INCREASE TAXES?

If it passes, each district can petition the St. Clair County Board of Education to hold a special election to increase ad valorem tax in their district. They can decide between 1-20 Mills. For a \$100,000 home (assessed using Fair Market Value), each 1 Mill increase adds approximately \$10 per year (20 Mills would equal around \$200 per year for \$100,000 home). For 1 acre of land (assessed using Current Use Assessment), each 1 Mill adds a significantly smaller yearly amount as compared to Fair Market Value. This will depend on the use of the property.

WHO SHOULD VOTE YES?

If you are in favor of raising ad valorem funding for your schools so that we can build new schools and upgrade existing facilities where you live, you should VOTE YES. If you are against increasing ad valorem for any reason, you should still VOTE YES, because this gives your local community more control of its future.



VOTE YES

AND CREATE A CHOICE FOR BETTER EDUCATION IN YOUR COMMUNITY!