

Dear Alafia Elementary School Parents,

We are excited to welcome your child back to school. It has been a busy summer for our administrators and our staff will be spending the next week planning exciting lesson plans that will help each child succeed starting on the first day of classes.

As you may have heard, our community has the opportunity to strengthen our schools by deciding on a one mil referendum in the primary election on August 23.

The projected \$146 million received annually from the millage would be explicitly used in the following manner:

- At least 75% of the district share of funds would be used to increase compensation for instructional positions (teachers, counselors, media specialists, etc.), bus drivers and transportation assistants, classroom assistants, and other non-instructional support staff.
- 25% of the district's share of funds would be used to protect and expand art, music, PE, and workforce education by:
 - Adding 45 art teachers, 67 music teachers, and 37 PE teachers to elementary schools to ensure all grade levels, including Kindergarten, receive exceptional learning experiences.
 - Dedicate funds to repairing and replacing art supplies, art equipment, music instruments, band uniforms, audio/visual equipment, expanding health courses in middle school, and PE equipment.
 - Dedicate funds to expanding workforce education programs in our middle and high schools.

District leaders hosted several community meetings over the summer to discuss the millage, however we know that not everyone could attend. I would like to share this link https://youtu.be/6FM_YG05RME to a video answering some of the frequently asked questions about the millage. You can find more information on our dedicated webpage www.hillsboroughschools.org/strongschools.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. We are proud of the impact our school has on this community.