

EXHIBIT "A"

**SCHOOL BOARD OF MANATEE COUNTY
RESOLUTION 2016-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MANATEE COUNTY, SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF MANATEE COUNTY AN EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING ONE-HALF CENT SALES SURTAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF MANATEE COUNTY A REFERENDUM QUESTION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING ONE HALF CENT SALES SURTAX FOR ACQUISITION, RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES SET FORTH IN THE DISTRICT'S CAPITAL OUTLAY PLAN; PROVIDING FOR LIMITATION OF THE USE OF THE SURTAX TO STATUTORILY AUTHORIZED PROJECTS AND RELATED COSTS; PROVIDING FOR CREATION OF A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, in 2002, the voters of Manatee County approved a one-half cent discretionary sales surtax ending on December 31, 2017, which discretionary sales surtax has been used for authorized school capital outlay projects, and has been an important component of financing fixed capital expenditures or fixed capital costs for the Manatee County School District.

WHEREAS, Section 212.055(6), Florida Statutes (2015), provides that the School Board in each county may levy a discretionary sale surtax not to exceed one half cent, pursuant to resolution conditioned to take effect only upon approval of a majority vote of the electors of the county voting in a referendum.

WHEREAS, there is an existing need to provide a financing source for fixed capital expenditures or fixed capital costs associated with the construction, reconstruction or improvement of school facilities throughout Manatee County which have a useful life expectancy of five (5) or more years and for land acquisitions, land improvement, design and engineering costs related thereto. Further financing is needed to pay for the costs of retrofitting and providing for technology implementation including hardware and software for the various sites within the school district.

WHEREAS, the School Board of Manatee County deems it in the best interests of the school children of Manatee County to seek extension of the existing one half cent sales surtax for school capital outlay and related costs.

WHEREAS, the School Board has designed a tentative Ten Year Capital Outlay Plan for use of the surtax proceeds, combined with all other available revenue resources, for fixed capital expenditures or fixed capital costs associated with the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of school facilities and campuses which have a useful life expectancy of five (5) or more years, and for the land acquisition, land improvement, design, and engineering costs, and for the costs of retrofitting and providing for technology implementation including hardware and software for the various sites within the school district. The capital outlay plan is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, surtax revenues may be used for the purpose of servicing bond indebtedness to finance projects authorized by the law and any interest accrued thereto may be held in trust to finance such projects; provided, however, neither the proceeds of the surtax nor any interest accrued thereto shall be used for operational expenses.

WHEREAS, the surtax revenues shall be collected by the Florida Department of Revenue pursuant to the law and shall be distributed to the School Board in accordance with the provisions of Florida law.

WHEREAS, as section 212.055(6), Florida Statutes (2015) provides that the matter shall be placed on the ballot by the governing body of the county, the School Board does request the Board of County Commissioners to place this matter on the ballot in the November 8, 2016, election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Manatee County, that pursuant to section 212.055(6), Florida Statutes (2015), the School Board of Manatee County, Florida, does hereby adopt this Resolution submitting to the voters of Manatee County, a referendum question, the effect of which shall be to extend the effective date of the 2002 one half cent sales surtax Resolution from January 1, 2003, to January 1, 2018, and ending on December 31, 2032, but only upon approval of a majority vote of the electors of Manatee County, Florida, voting in a referendum to be held on November 8, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Board shall annually review and adopt a Ten Year Capital Outlay Plan, revised as needed based on changing local needs as dictated by student enrollment growth, facilities condition, educational requirements and construction costs, and based on the 15 year sales tax proceeds, along with other revenue sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the extension of the one-half cent sales surtax, the School Board shall charge its Audit Committee with review of the collection and proper use of the funds raised through implementation of the sales surtax. The members of the Audit Committee shall not be affiliated with or employed by any business or occupation that would have a direct or indirect financial benefit from any project partially or fully funded by the surtax collections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the title and language of the ballot question shall be as follows:

**EXTENDING THE EXISTING SCHOOL ONE HALF CENT SALES SURTAX
FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES**

Shall the Manatee County School Board extend the existing countywide one half cent sales surtax for fifteen additional years, from January, 1, 2018, to ending on December 31, 2032, charging its Audit Committee with the oversight of the surtax, thereby maintaining revenues statutorily available to be used for capital expenditures to reduce overcrowding, reduce portable classrooms, renovate existing schools, build new schools where needed, purchase technology, and improve student safety and achievement.

_____ For the one half cent sales tax

_____ Against the one half cent sales
tax

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman and the Superintendent of Schools are authorized to request the Board of County Commissioners to place this matter on the ballot for the general election to be held November 8, 2016, and to perform such other routine and ministerial actions necessary to implement such submission of the question to the voters.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman and the Superintendent of Schools are empowered to make scrivener's revisions which may be necessary or required to accomplish the purposed of this Resolution including revisions mandated by the Supervisor of Elections, without further action by the School Board.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the freeze on non-capital local school property taxes previously required under Section 212.055(6)(d), Florida Statutes (2003), is not extended by this Resolution since this section has been repealed by the legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, in regular session, the members of the School Board have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the School Board of Manatee County, Florida, to be hereunto affixed, in the County of Manatee, Florida, on this 14th day of June, 2016.

Attest:



Dr. Diana Greene
Superintendent

SCHOOL BOARD OF MANATEE
COUNTY



Karen Carpenter
Chairman