



School Board of Manatee County
July 21, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing
Action Item

Title

Approval to Publish a Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (General Fund) - updated 7/20/2026

Executive Summary

Section 1011.03 (1), and 200.065, Florida Statutes, requires that the School Board publish specific advertisements to notify the public of the School Board's intent to hold a Public Hearing to adopt the tentative millage rates and tentative budget for fiscal year 2026-2027. To comply with the Statute, the Superintendent requests Board approval to publish the required advertisements. The advertisements are scheduled to run on July 24, 2026. The advertisements will show the following:

- A. The increase or decrease in the operating budget compared to the prior year.
- B. The millage rates proposed for fiscal year 2026-2027.
- C. Stated in dollars: (1) last year's initially proposed tax levy, (2) reductions due to value adjustment board and other assessment changes, (3) the actual property tax levy, (4) this year's proposed tax levy.
- D. A listing of the projects that will be funded with the Capital Improvement Tax Levy.
- E. A summary of budgets proposed for each fund.
- F. The date and time of the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget, which will be held on July 28, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Items A, B, and C will be completed after the tax roll has been finalized by the Property Appraiser's office, and the Florida Department of Education has certified the Required Local Effort millage. The presented budgets, along with the other remaining District governmental fund budgets, are still in the development stage. ~~Over the next week in preparation for the required advertisements,~~ The preliminary budgets ~~will be~~ have been adjusted for the certified Required Local Effort millage that ~~will be~~ was received ~~no later than~~ on July 19, 2026, from the Florida Department of Education.

~~The notices are not available for review at time of publication and will be added at the earliest availability.~~

The attachments were added for review on July 20, 2026, due to the release of the certified Required Local Effort millage by the Florida Department of Education on July 19, 2026.

All revisions completed after initial publication based on receipt of information from the Florida Department of Education.

This item aligns with the District's Strategic Plan Goal(s) which state(s):

Ready To Grow | Goal 5

Continue our secure financial position, utilize referendum millage funds effectively, and modernize and

enhance our current schools to meet our school community needs, including building vibrant, new schools

Recommendation

The Superintendent recommends approval to advertise a Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Tentative Millage rates and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Financial Impact

The cost to implement this agenda item is estimated at \$1,648 and is included in the Business Services proposed budget for 2026-2027.

Contact

Submitting Department: Business Services

Initiated By: Rachel Sellers, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services

Attachments:

[TENTATIVE BUDGET SUMMARY 2026_27](#)

[NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE 2026-27](#)

[NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL 2026-27](#)