

# DID YOU KNOW?



EXPLAINING FIGURES

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## IMPACT FEES

Investing in Our Schools - Investing in Our Future

### DEFINE IT!

#### WHAT ARE IMPACT FEES?

- Impact fees are one-time charges paid by developers when new homes are built.
- Impact fees ensure that growth pays for growth by funding new schools, classrooms, and facilities needed for students from new neighborhoods.
- Impact fees cannot be used for salaries, maintenance, or general operations — only for growth-related capital projects.

#### WHO CONDUCTS IMPACT FEE STUDY?

- Collier County Government retained an independent consulting firm to update the impact fee study.

#### OUR CURRENT SITUATION

- The last time the School Impact Fee rates were updated was **2015**. Since then, **construction costs have increased dramatically**, making it much more expensive to build schools today.
- Nearly all impact fee revenues have already been used to fund recent projects, including:

 **Aubrey Rogers High School** (opened 2023)

 **Bear Creek Elementary** (opened 2025)

 **Ave Maria Elementary** (opening 2026)

- Current balances are limited, and future growth will require additional schools.

#### WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

- Without impact fees, the cost of new schools would fall on existing taxpayers.
- Impact fees keep funding fair by requiring new development to contribute its share toward the schools needed to serve new students.
- Every dollar of impact fees goes directly to **building capacity for growth** — not to unrelated expenses.

#### WHO APPROVES IMPACT FEE RATES?

- The Collier County Board of County Commissioners has the authority to establish and amend impact fee rates.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

- The District's long-range plan includes:

A new **Transportation Facility** in 2027-28

New elementary, middle, and high schools within the next 5-10 years to accommodate planned growth approved by Collier County Government

- Without an increase, current impact fee collections will not cover the increased cost of school construction.

## WHY IS AN INCREASE NEEDED ?

→ Construction costs have soared since the last update in 2015.

→ Future growth is accelerating, and additional schools will be needed.