



SECURE
THE NEXT

GENERATION REFERENDUM

RENEWAL

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is presenting voters with a referendum renewal that will appear on the **November 3, 2026, general election ballot**.

On the ballot: *Fund School Employee Pay, Safety, and Mental Health through a One-Mill Property Tax Levy*

This is not a new tax or a tax increase. It is a renewal of the one-mill property tax voters approved in 2022.

If renewed,
\$358^M
received annually

The Secure the Next Generation Referendum renewal would continue funding for all Broward County public schools — including charter schools — to:

- Recruit and retain high-quality teachers and eligible staff by continuing compensation supplements
- Maintain and enhance School Resource Officers (SROs) and school safety staff
- Maintain and enhance essential programs, such as mental health services for students and families

The current Secure the Next Generation Referendum, approved by voters in 2022, is set to expire. Those funds currently support:

- Approximately \$173 million annually in compensation supplements for teachers and eligible staff
- Over 393 school safety personnel and \$1.7 million in state-of-the-art software providing all staff with wearable panic-buttons for immediate security response
- More than 224 mental health professionals

Since voters approved this funding, BCPS has earned consecutive A District ratings — the first in over a decade — and recorded a 97.5% graduation rate across traditional District high schools — results driven by the teachers and staff this referendum helps the District attract and keep.

If not renewed, BCPS would lose approximately \$358 million annually currently funding safety and mental health positions and supplements.

The School Board voted to approve and present this referendum on the November 3, 2026 general election ballot for voters to consider investing in BCPS.

This renewal would allow BCPS to remain competitive with neighboring school districts that are presenting or renewing similar referendums during this same election cycle.

How will referendum funds be allocated, and who decides?

The School Board of Broward County, FL, retains the authority to vote on the intended allocation of referendum funds each year through its formal budget adoption process. Final funding decisions are made through the Board's formal approval process.

During the current referendum period, a small portion of funds were allocated to compensation for certain District administrators. The Board has since adopted a restriction ensuring referendum funds will not be used for top administrator compensation going forward.

What is a mill or millage rate?

The mill or millage rate is the amount of property value used to calculate local property taxes. One mill equals \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 of taxable property value (or \$100 per \$100,000).

What to expect for the 2027/28 school year:



The average homeowner with a home market value of \$652,756 and a School Board taxable value of \$417,877, would invest approximately \$418 that year or \$35 per month, similar to what they currently invest.*



The average condo owner with a condo market value of \$296,524 and a School Board taxable value of approximately \$230,002, would invest approximately \$230 that year or \$19 per month, similar to what they currently invest.*



If approved by voters, the referendum would generate approximately \$358 million annually — including \$283 million for District-operated schools and \$75 million for charter schools. The referendum renewal would cover four school years beginning with the 2027/28 school year.

*A homeowner's/condo owner's investment varies based on their School Board taxable value as determined by the Broward County Property Appraiser, and may be subject to change annually.