ELECTION NOVEMBER 3

UP-TO-DATE SCHOOLS | SAFETY & SECURITY | PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Robinson CUSD #2

ONE-CENT SALES TAX

ON NOVEMBER 3, a one cent sales tax proposal is on the ballot in Crawford County. The revenue from this sales tax, if passed, can only be used to improve school facilities, retire new or existing building bonds or help support school resource officers and mental health professionals. Our Board of Education voted to place this proposal on the ballot because it will provide a reliable source of revenue to keep our schools up-to-date and, at the same time, provide property tax relief to our residents.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO BE FUNDED THROUGH A ONE PERCENT SALES TAX

- Renovations to all four buildings including:
    - Roof replacements where needed;
    - Health Life Safety items
    - Safety and security improvements throughout the district;
    - Improvements to increase energy efficiency throughout the district;
    - Restroom upgrade at Nuttall Middle School
    - HVAC improvements at Nuttall Middle School
    - Traffic and parking alleviation at all district schools
    - Potential science, vocational, and fine arts space updates at Robinson High School
- A potential funding source for salaries and benefits for mental health professionals and for hiring school resource officers improving the safety and security of students and relieving operating dollar pressure from our budget.

THIS ONE-CENT SALES TAX CAN BE USED TO PROVIDE:

- Up-to-date schools
- Energy efficient heating and air conditioning
- Improved safety and security for our students
- Funding to keep roofs, windows and doors in good working order
- Up-to-date labs and technology
- Relief from the reliance on property taxes
- School resource officers and mental health professionals

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

All across Illinois there has been a call for property tax relief. This proposal, in part, is an answer to that call. Traditionally, all school building improvements have been funded through property taxes. By passing this proposal, much of the burden for funding public education facility improvements will be shifted to a sales tax— and a sales tax that is very equitable and fair in its design *(see the back page)*.

Be Informed & Remember to Vote!

This proposal is important to the future of our District.
Please be fully informed on this issue and remember to vote on November 3.

There is more information about this proposal on the back of this flyer.

IF THIS PROPOSAL PASSES, our District will have the ability to keep our facilities up-to-date and in good working order without a total reliance on property taxes.

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REMEMBER TO VOTE ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3

The County School Facility Sales Tax represents the first shift away from relying on property taxes for local school district funding in Illinois. The law went into effect in 2007 (based on a similar law in Iowa) allowing voters to approve a sales tax to fund school facility needs. The sales tax is for one cent on every dollar spent on qualifying retail purchases. School Boards representing a majority of all resident student enrollment have passed resolutions to place this proposal on the November 3 ballot.

A MORE EQUITABLE SALES TAX

The design of this sales tax is more equitable to those living on fixed or with lower incomes that could be negatively impacted by a new property tax because this sales tax does not tax most “essential” items like unprepared food and medicine.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THIS TAX

- Unprepared Food (groceries)
- Prescriptions and over-the-counter medications
- Cars, Trucks, ATVs, Boats, RVs and Mobile Homes
- Farm Equipment, Parts, and Farm Inputs
- Services are also not taxed
- If it is not currently taxed, it will not be taxed

HOW THE REVENUE CAN BE USED

Revenue from this one-cent sales tax can only be used for improving school facilities, retiring new or current building bonds, or for school resource officers and mental health professionals. It cannot be used for general school salaries, instructional materials, or other operating costs.

Specifically, it can be used for:

- New School Facilities
- Additions and Renovations
- Land Acquisition
- Safety and Security Improvements
- Energy Efficiency
- Paying Off Building Bonds
- Architectural Planning/ Engineering
- Durable Equipment
- School resource officers and mental health professionals

Please take the time to learn about this important issue.

How much more would I actually be paying if this passed?

$15,000 car/truck = NO INCREASE

$100 of grocery food = NO INCREASE

$40 of medicine = NO INCREASE

$50 of gas = 50 cents

$7 of fast food = 7 cents

$450 TV = $4.50

$70 pair of shoes = 70 cents

Questions or More Information

To learn more about what the county school facility sales tax means to you contact:

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