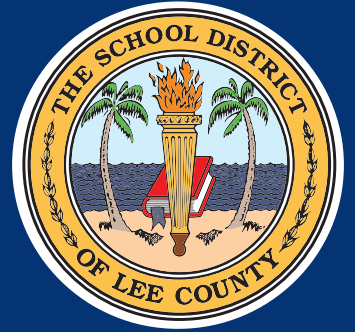


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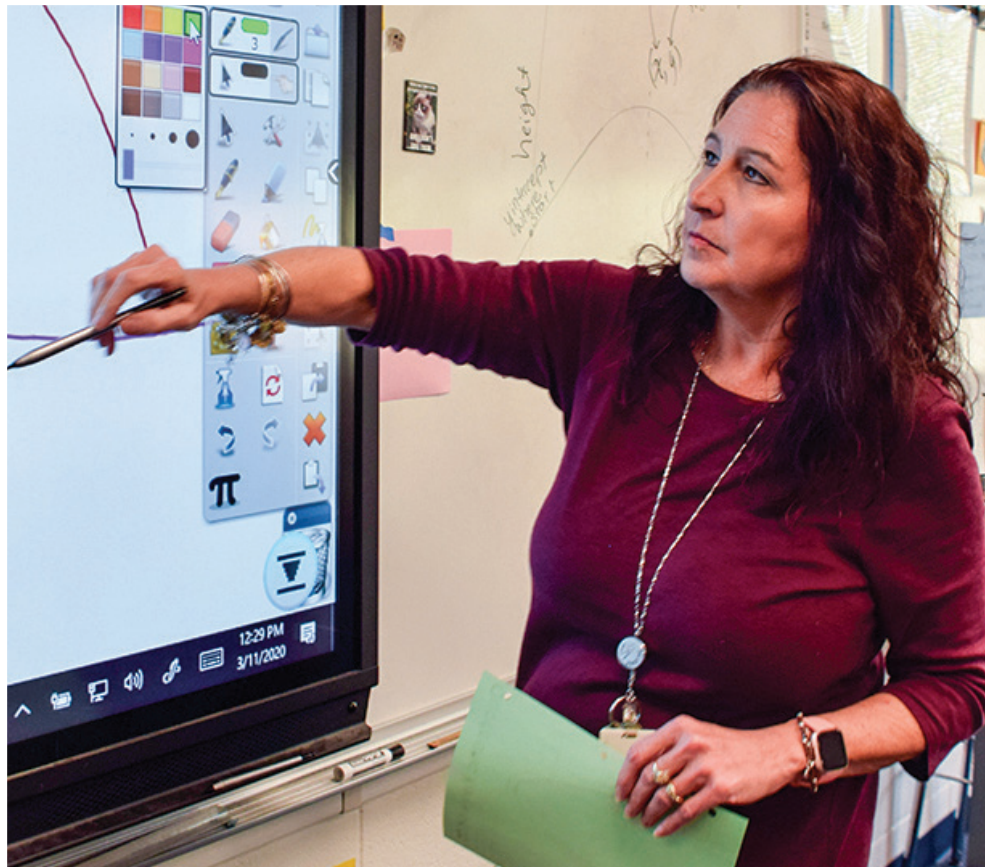


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Your Tax Dollars at Work for Student Success



## 1/2 CENT SALES TAX ANNUAL REPORT

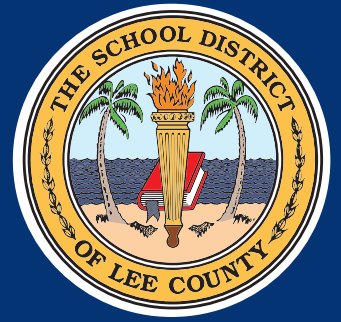


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# CHANGE FOR CHANGE

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## ► FROM YOUR INDEPENDENT SALES SURTAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

In November of 2018, the voters of Lee County approved a half-cent tax for a 10-year period to help raise funds for necessary school improvements. The sales tax went into effect in January of 2019, with first funds received in March.

The District committed to put the money generated by the tax toward the **construction and renovation** of schools, school safety initiatives, **much-needed maintenance** at schools and technology projects. The funds are used for critical enhancements to EVERY public school in Lee County. Maintenance improvement projects include building renovations, electrical and lighting, fire alarm and sprinkler systems, floor coverings, physical education areas, playgrounds, roof and window replacements, and air conditioning.

To help prepare our students for the future, **technology projects** include modernizing interactive teaching tools.

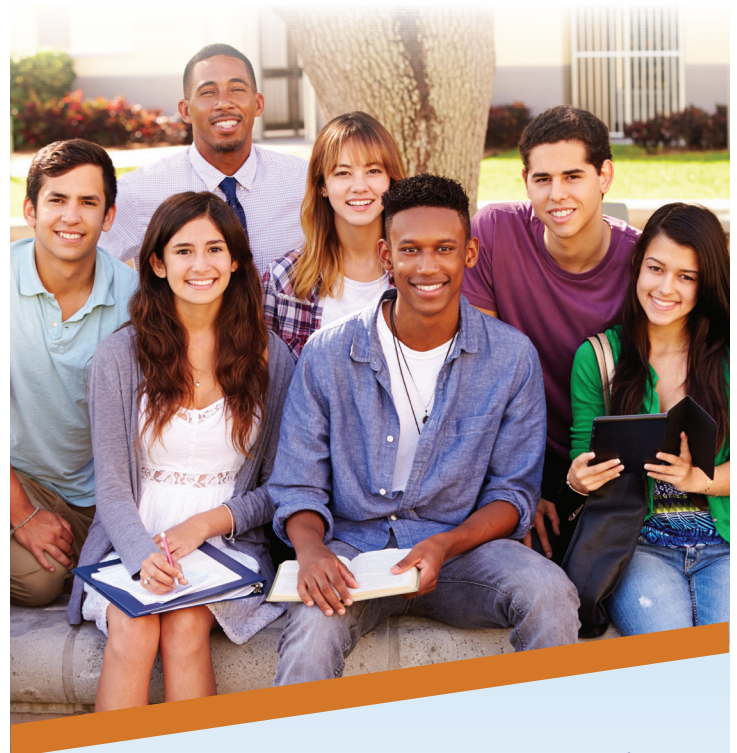
Above all, **safety** is a critical focus of the sales tax funds, and the plan to enhance safety at all our locations includes a proactive concentration on the protection of our students and employees.

An [Independent Sales Surtax Oversight Committee \(ISSOC\)](#) was established consisting of 15 community members and two alternates. The committee meets quarterly to review all expenditures using sales tax funds to ensure the District is using the funds appropriately. The committee is pleased with the progress the District has made during the first fiscal year of the sales tax measure implementation and has concluded that all sales tax revenue has been used in compliance with the scope of projects the taxpayers approved.

To keep you informed on how your tax dollars are being spent, the District created a Sales Tax Dashboard that provides information on previous and current year budgets and expenses of the sales tax funds. The District is also proud

to publish the first annual report that features some of the great projects taking place across our schools. We encourage everyone to read through this report and visit the website to learn about the great things happening in our District.

Thank you for your support,  
ISSOC Advisory Committee

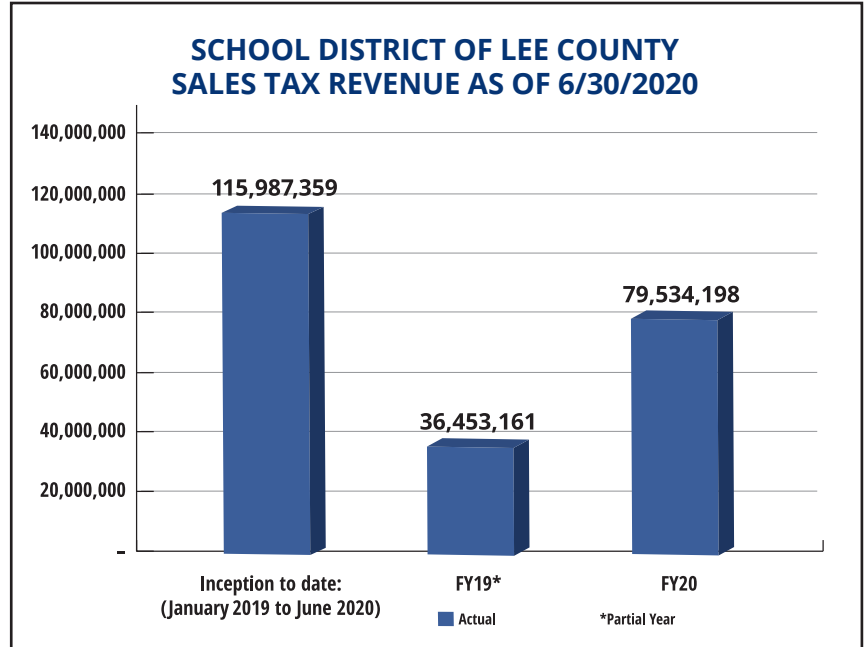


The **FUNDS** are used for critical enhancements to **EVERY** public school in Lee County.

# ▶ REVENUE AND EXPENSES

## SALES TAX BY THE NUMBERS

- ▶ **\$115.9 million** in sales tax revenue collected from January 2019 – June 2020
- ▶ **81 schools** have had a sales tax-funded project
- ▶ **Over 300 projects** planned for FY21
- ▶ **\$49 million** expended so far for construction, maintenance, safety and technology for the benefit of all students
- ▶ **Five new schools** and a high school addition to be funded with sales tax over the next five years
- ▶ **Two aging schools** to be rebuilt with sales tax funds
- ▶ **ONE FANTASTIC COMMUNITY** united to sustain a **WORLD-CLASS SCHOOL SYSTEM**

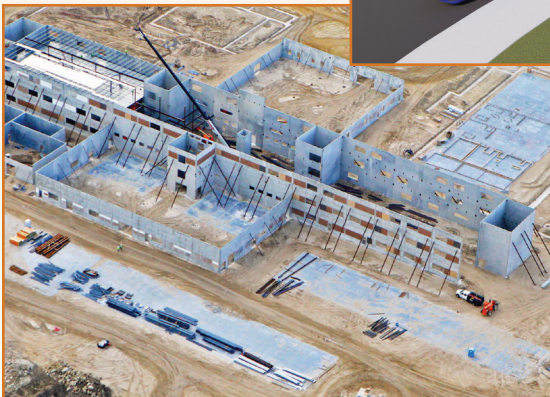


# ▶ CONSTRUCTION

## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

## GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL

**Gateway High School:** The 2,139-student high school saw site work start in 2019 and the classrooms, gym, cafeteria and black box theater walls go up, roof go on, framing begin and the installation of electrical, plumbing and HVAC in the first half of 2020. The school opens in August of 2021. Total project cost is \$98 million.



# ► CONSTRUCTION

## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

## LEHIGH ACRES MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Lehigh Acres Middle School:** Phase One design work was completed and site work began in February 2020 to lay the foundation for the new home of Lehigh Acres Middle School's 1,300 students. Students and staff will start classes at the new campus in August of 2021. Total project cost is \$54 million.



## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

## LEHIGH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



**Lehigh Senior High School:**

The \$13 million addition and renovations at Lehigh Senior created 722 new student stations, redesigned and secured the entry area, and added a facility for the nation's largest JROTC program when students returned to school in August of 2019.



## ► MAINTENANCE

### PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



#### ► PREVIOUS CONDITIONS

- Windows had water intrusion
- Windows were not safety glass
- In different areas, rust and frame deterioration was present
- Windows were original with the facility

### Lehigh Acres Senior High School WINDOW UPGRADES



#### ► NEW CONDITIONS

- Project still in progress
- New windows are hurricane impact graded
- New windows are low emissivity (low-e) glass that reduces the amount of infrared and ultraviolet light that enters the space
- New frames are powder coated, screws are concealed to prevent rusting and the frames have a drainage system built in

### PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



#### ► PREVIOUS CONDITIONS

- Air handlers were old, inefficient, unreliable and had reached their life expectancy
- Metal floors of air handlers were rusted through
- Units were not watertight and were rusted through

### North Fort Myers Academy of the Arts HVAC UPGRADES



#### ► NEW CONDITIONS

- New air handlers prevent outside air contaminants from entering the learning environment
- New units are reliable and provide the proper cooling to learning environments
- New air handler units are efficient

## ▶ SAFETY AND SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES



There have been numerous security technologies implemented, such as upgraded surveillance systems, front entry doorbell cameras, access control systems and systems to enhance emergency communications within the schools. To further ensure the safety of our students, specific details on these projects are not shared with the public.



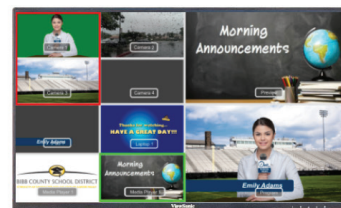
## ▶ TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES



INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY

**ATLAS Modernization:** SMART Board technology replacements with new interactive panels.

- Project is at beginning stages. All schools will have the technology in approximately 3.5 years
- SMART Boards are being replaced with 86" 4K interactive display panels
- Traditional document cameras are being replaced with high-resolution document cameras
- Teachers receive upgraded presentation PCs



### MOBILE VIDEO RECORDINGS & BROADCAST CARTS

- Elementary and middle TV school studios have been replaced with broadcast carts which allow students to utilize broadcast technologies outside of the daily TV news
- Teachers and students may now produce creative video-based projects in their classrooms. Students are now creating videos to teach curriculum to other students



# ▶ JANUARY 2019 - JUNE 2020

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

SCHOOL	CONSTRUCTION	MAINTENANCE	SAFETY	TECHNOLOGY
Allen Park Elementary			X	X
Bayshore Elementary		X		
Bonita Springs Elementary		X		
Bonita Springs High			X	
Bonita Springs Middle				X
Buckingham Exceptional Center		X		
Caloosa Elementary			X	
Caloosa Middle		X	X	
Cape Coral High		X	X	
Cape Coral Technical College		X	X	
Cape Elementary			X	
Challenger Middle			X	X
Colonial Elementary			X	
Cypress Lake High		X	X	X
Cypress Lake Middle			X	X
Diplomat Elementary		X	X	
Diplomat Middle			X	
Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Littleton Elementary		X		X
Dunbar Community School			X	
Dunbar High		X	X	X
East Lee County High		X	X	
Edgewood Academy		X	X	
Edison Park Creative & Expressive Arts		X	X	
Estero High		X	X	
Fort Myers Beach Elementary				X
Fort Myers High School		X	X	
Fort Myers Middle Academy		X	X	
Fort Myers Technical College		X	X	
Franklin Park Elementary			X	
G. Weaver Hipps Elementary		X	X	
Gateway Elementary			X	
Gateway High	X			
Gulf Elementary				X
Gulf Middle			X	
Hancock Creek Elementary			X	
Harns Marsh Elementary			X	X
Harns Marsh Middle		X	X	
Hector A. Cafferata, Jr Elementary		X		
Heights Elementary			X	
Ida S. Baker High		X	X	
Island Coast High			X	
J. Colin English Elementary		X	X	
James Stephens Intl Academy	X	X	X	X

SCHOOL	CONSTRUCTION	MAINTENANCE	SAFETY	TECHNOLOGY
Lehigh Acres Middle		X		
Lehigh Elementary		X	X	
Lehigh Senior High	X	X	X	X
Lexington Middle			X	
Manatee Elementary			X	
Mariner High		X	X	
Mariner Middle			X	X
Middle School MM	X			
Mirror Lakes Elementary		X	X	X
North Fort Myers Academy		X	X	X
North Fort Myers High		X	X	
Oak Hammock Middle		X	X	
Orange River Elementary			X	
Orangewood Elementary		X	X	
Patriot Elementary				
Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle		X	X	
Pelican Elementary			X	
Pine Island Elementary				
Pinewoods Elementary				
Ray Pottorf Elementary			X	
Rayma C Page Elementary		X		
River Hall Elementary			X	X
Riverdale High			X	X
Royal Palm Exceptional Center			X	
San Carlos Park Elementary		X	X	
Skyline Elementary				
South Fort Myers High		X	X	
Southwest Florida Public Service Academy		X	X	
Spring Creek Elementary				
Success Academy			X	
Sunshine Elementary		X		
Tanglewood Elementary		X	X	
The Alva School			X	
The Sanibel School		X	X	
Three Oaks Elementary			X	X
Three Oaks Middle		X	X	
Tice Elementary				
Tortgua Preserve Elementary				
Trafalgar Elementary			X	
Trafalgar Middle		X	X	X
Treeline Elementary			X	
Tropic Isles Elementary			X	
Varsity Lakes Middle		X	X	
Veterans Park Academy for the Arts			X	X
Villas Elementary		X		X



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