



NEXT GENERATION REFERENDUM

November 3, 2026

A renewal of the existing one-mill property tax

City of Cooper City Commission Meeting

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Before We Begin

This presentation is informational only.

Broward County Public Schools shares facts about the Next Generation Referendum. District employees educate – they do not advocate for or against the ballot measure.

Broward County Public Schools Highlights



**“A” Rated District
for third
consecutive year**



**No D or F Schools
for third
consecutive year**

First time since
1999



**Highest
Graduation Rate
in 25 Years**

97.5% (traditional
HS) and **91.4%**
(all schools)



**#1 in Funding in
Florida** for AP,
AICE, Dual
Enrollment and
Industry
Certifications



**Cambridge
District of the
Year** for 2025/26



About Us

236,667

Total Students Enrolled

325

Total Schools (incl. 86 charters)

27,848

Total Employees

\$617 Million

In Scholarships & Financial Aid, Class of 2026

Student Demographics

Group	Percent	Count of Students
Race		
White	50.5%	119,594
Black	40.9%	96,748
Asian	3.9%	9,265
Native American / Alaskan	0.3%	689
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0.2%	495
Multiracial	4.2%	9,876
Ethnicity		
Hispanic	39.5%	93,427
Non-Hispanic	60.5%	143,240

Source: BCPS About Us 2026/27; 09/08/2025 Benchmark Day Enrollment Report, Demographics & Enrollment Planning

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District School Grades

A
2024/25

A
2023/24

B
2022/23

School Grade Count — District Operated Schools

School Year	A	B	C	D	F
2025-26	129	56	27	0	0
2024-25	110	69	34	0	0
2023-24	82	61	70	0	0
2022-23	56	46	99	11	1

Source: 2025-26 School Grades, FLDOE, as of July 1, 2026

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Cooper City School Grades

2025–26 Florida Department of Education School Grades

Cooper City Elementary School

Elementary

A

Embassy Creek Elementary School

Elementary

A

Griffin Elementary School

Elementary

A

Pioneer Middle School

Middle

A

Cooper City High School

High

A

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At a Glance

Election Date

November 3, 2026 — General Election

What It Is

A renewal of the existing one-mill property tax — not a new tax or a tax increase

Duration

Four school years beginning with the 2027/28 school year

Annual Revenue

Approximately \$358 million across all Broward public schools, including charter schools

What It Funds

Teacher and staff compensation supplements, school safety personnel, and mental health professionals

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What It Is?

This is not a new tax.

It is a renewal of the one-mill property tax voters approved in 2022.

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What It Funds / What These Funds Support Today

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**

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Official Ballot Language

Fund School Employee Pay, Safety, and Mental Health through a One-Mill Property Tax Levy

To enhance school safety and mental health services, recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and essential employees, improve student achievement, and support critical school operations, shall the School Board of Broward County continue to levy a one-mill ad valorem property tax from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2030, to fund school safety personnel, mental health services, increased compensation for teachers, and school-based support staff for public and charter schools?

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How will referendum funds be allocated, and who decides?

The School Board of Broward County, FL, retains the authority to vote on the allocation of referendum funds each year through its formal budget adoption process. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the allocation of funds prior to distribution.

The referendum renewal would continue securing funds for all public schools — including charter schools — to:

90% or more

to provide compensation supplements to recruit and retain teachers and eligible staff

Up to 10%

to provide funding for school resource officers and school safety staff, and to preserve important programs, such as mental health services and personnel

All compensation will be subject to collective bargaining. These funds will not be available until the 2027/28 school year.

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What Is a Mill / Cost to Property Owners ?

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).

\$418 - home

per year / \$35 per month

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.*

\$230 - condominium

per year / \$19 per month

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.*

\$358M

generated annually

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.*

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If Not Renewed

\$358 million

The District would lose approximately \$358 million annually currently funding safety and mental health positions and supplements.

Learn More About the Next Generation Referendum

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