



# Why Support the Half-Cent for Okaloosa Schools?

The current funding for Okaloosa County public education is not sufficient for the basic maintenance of our school buildings. **Our schools' infrastructure has deteriorated because of inadequate funding.**

Santa Rosa spends **\$649**  
Escambia spends **\$2,008**  
Walton spends **\$3,281**  
Okaloosa spends **\$237**

## Annual Capital Spending per Student

Source: Florida Department of Education ([www.fl doe.org](http://www.fl doe.org))



Air-conditioning systems are failing, roofs are leaking, and old temporary portables have become permanent classrooms. These funding priorities are not luxuries—these are basics.

The revenue from a half-cent sales tax would be used to finance a comprehensive plan to improve safety and modernize school facilities. **Every single school in the county would receive some level of funding. And every single school needs it.**

Seasonally, approximately **56% of the revenue from the sales tax will be generated by tourists.** A Citizens Advisory Committee of volunteer citizens will monitor the spending and assure accountability. This Committee will consist of private sector volunteers with no conflicts of interest.

Adequately funding public education is one of our community's most fundamental values. Please help support the next generation of Okaloosa schools by voting YES on the half-cent sales tax. School Cents Makes Sense!

You can help by doing the following:

- **Visit, Like, and Share our Facebook page** at School Cents Makes Sense.
- **Donate to School Cents Makes Sense** by visiting our website and clicking the Donate Now Button!
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- Email [michelle.anchors@schoolcentsmakessense.com](mailto:michelle.anchors@schoolcentsmakessense.com) to **request a yard sign to show your support.**
- Email [mathilda@cox.net](mailto:mathilda@cox.net) to **join our sign waving team at a local school.**
- **Vote YES** on the half-cent on November 3, 2020!