

RESOLUTION

Whereas the schools in Duval County Public Schools are the oldest in the state, and

Whereas in response to the great recession more than 10 years ago, the Florida Legislature reduced the property taxes that support school repair, renovation, and construction, and

Whereas the state also eliminated a fund called the public education capital outlay used to provide dollars for district school facilities, and **Whereas** all the students in the Duval County Public Schools deserve a safe and secure learning environment, and

Whereas all students in the Duval County Public Schools deserve a 21st Century learning environment, and

Whereas all students in the Duval County Public Schools deserve learning environments that will improve achievement and enable them to compete academically now, and economically in the future, be it therefore..

Resolved that the Duval County Council of PTAs supports the referendum presented to the Jacksonville City Council by the Duval County Public School Board for a ½ cent sales tax to be voted on by the citizens of Jacksonville in 2019 or as soon as possible.