

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MARTIN COUNTY,  
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
AND CITY OF STUART COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION 18-003**

**RESOLUTION 2018 MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL NEEDS**

**STATEWIDE**

**WHEREAS**, the entire local community benefits from well maintained and safe public school facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature reduced the maximum fixed capital outlay millage from 2.0 mills to 1.75 mills in 2008, with a further reduction to the current 1.5 mills in 2009; and,

**WHEREAS**, the RS Means Construction Cost Index has increased 25% from 180.4 in 2008 to 215.8 in 2018; and,

**MARTIN COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 the Martin County School Board collected \$45 million from the designated millage rate for capital expenditures and in 2018 the Martin County School Board collected \$32 million for capital expenditures, which is a 29% decrease while construction costs have increased by 25%; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Martin County School District suffered a loss of \$91 million in capital funding as a direct result of the millage reductions of 2008 and 2009, which has resulted in a \$98 million backlog of deferred maintenance, security improvements, and replacements; and,

**WHEREAS**, the allowed 1.5 mills currently generates \$32 million per year; and after imperative maintenance, repairs and upkeep, the Martin County School Board is left with \$8 million for discretionary updates and new buildings; and,

**WHEREAS**, the average age of public school buildings in Martin County is over 20 years, with buildings built at a time when schools were designed with an open concept and not an adequate layout design for school safety and security in today's world; and,

**WHEREAS**, without additional capital revenue, the shortfall risks creating an unsafe and unhealthy learning environment; and,

**WHEREAS**, funding is needed to provide security updates and enhancements, replace hurricane and storm impacted Jensen Beach Elementary School (suffering from hurricane and storm impacts), replace Palm City Elementary School (60 years old and functionally obsolete), and repair/renovate school buildings.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Martin County School Board, Martin County Board of County Commissioners, and the City of Stuart Commissioners:

We fully endorse and support the following solution for action by our State Legislators and Governor:

1. Allow local School Boards the option to double the Discretionary Local Effort to 1.496 mills for capital funding.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED at a public meeting this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018

Attest:

Laurie J. Gaylord  
Laurie J. Gaylord, Superintendent and  
Ex officio to the School Board

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MARTIN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Christia Li Roberts  
Christia Li Roberts, Chair

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED at a public meeting this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the  
Circuit Court and Comptroller

THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MARTIN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edward V. Ciampi, Chairman

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED at a public meeting this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2018.

Attest:

David Dyess  
Interim City Manager, David Dyess

THE CITY OF STUART  
COMMISSIONERS,  
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Kelli Glass Leighton  
Kelli Glass Leighton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGAL  
SUFFICIENCY

Sarah W. Woods  
County Attorney