

REFERENDUM RENEWAL FOR MANATEE SCHOOLS

Your support is making a difference.

Referendum Dollars Maintain Competitive Edge

Approval of the referendum renewal will **keep Manatee County Schools competitive** with neighboring districts like Sarasota, which has approved a renewal five times since 2002.

The renewal in Manatee, first passed in 2018, helps our schools attract and retain quality teachers and improve student learning.

Here's how the money will continue to be spent:



Extend learning time 30 minutes a day.

This adds the equivalent of 18 school days a year and results in a student receiving one full year of additional instruction time from kindergarten through high school.



Keep teacher and staff pay competitive.

Since passing the referendum in 2018, teacher vacancies and departures have dropped significantly despite the national teacher shortage.

Expand career, technical, STEM and art programs.

New equipment and programs prepare students for high-paying jobs. The renewal will also expand visual and performing arts programs.



Support charter schools as required by law.

Charter schools are public schools and they will receive their "fair share" of the dollars. Charter school governing boards will determine how to spend it.



Go to **ManateeSchools.net** and click on Referendum to view video examples of how the money is **benefiting our schools.**