

ONE-CENT SALES TAX

SALEM ELEMENTARY DISTRICT NO 111

WHAT

The County Facility Sales Tax represents the first shift away from relying on property taxes for local school district funding in Illinois. This allows voters to approve a sales tax to fund school facility needs. The sales tax is for one cent on every dollar spent on qualifying retail purchases. All across Illinois there has been a call for property tax relief. This proposal, in part, is an answer to that call. Traditionally, all school building improvements have been funded through property taxes. By passing this proposal, much of the burden from funding public education facility improvements will be shifted to a sales tax—and sales tax that is very equitable and fair in its design. If this proposal passes, our District will have the ability to keep our facilities up-to-date and in good working order without a total reliance on property taxes.

WHEN

On April 4th, a one-cent sales tax proposal is on the ballot in Marion County. The revenue from this sales tax, if passed, can only be used to improve school facilities or retire new or existing building bonds.

Ballot Language:

Shall a retailer's occupation tax and a service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a "Sales Tax") be imposed in Marion County at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?

Specific Improvements For Salem 111

- **Safety Lights**
- **Roofing Repairs**
- **HVAC**
- **Improvements to parking lots and concrete areas**
- **Replace and complete fencing**
- **Replace Exterior Doors**



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Revenue can only be used to support facility improvements

Revenue from this one-cent sales tax can only be used for improving school facilities or for retiring new or current building bonds. It cannot be used for salaries, instructional materials, or other operating costs. Specifically, it can be used for:

- New School Facilities
- Additions and Renovations
- Land Acquisition
- Safety and Security Improvements
- Energy Efficiency
- Paying Off Building Bonds
- Architectural Planning/ Engineering
- Durable Equipment

It is important to know what is NOT subject to tax

- Unprepared Food (Groceries)
- Medication
- Cars, Trucks, ATVs, Boats, RVs, and Mobile Homes
- Farm Equipment, Parts and Farm Inputs
- Services
- Anything that is not currently taxed

How much more would I actually be paying if this passed?

\$100 of grocery food = none

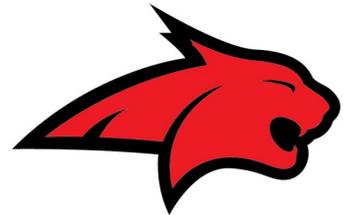
\$50.00 of gas = 50 cents

\$15,000 car/truck = none

\$7.00 of fast food = 7 cents

\$40.00 of medicine = none

\$60.00 pair of shoes = 60 cents



Questions or More Information

To learn more about what the county school facility sales tax means to you call Salem Elementary Superintendent Leslie Foppe at 548-7702, email- foppe@salem111.com or visit our website at: www.salem111.com

Please take the time to learn about this important matter.