

One-Cent Sales Tax

For Williamsville-Sherman CUSD #15 Facilities

On November 6, a one-cent sales tax proposal is on the ballot in Sangamon County. The revenue from this sales tax, if passed, can only be used to improve school facilities or retire new or existing building bonds. Our Board of Education voted to place this proposal on the ballot because it will provide a reliable source of revenue to keep our schools up-to-date and, at the same time, provide property tax relief to our residents.

This one-cent sales tax can be used to provide:

- 21st century classrooms
- Energy efficient heating and air conditioning
- Improved safety and security for our students
- Funding to keep roofs, windows and doors in good working order
- Up-to-date labs and technology
- Property tax relief for our residents

Property Tax Relief

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 for funding public education facility improvements will be shifted to a sales tax – and a sales tax that is very equitable and fair in its design (see the back page).

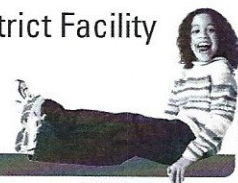
If this proposal passes, our District will have the ability to keep our facilities up-to-date and in good working order without a total reliance on property taxes.

Specific Improvements for Our District

Listed below are the specific plans for our District should this proposal pass.

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- Utilize the revenue to enhance School Security and Safety
- Utilize the revenue to pay off existing annual Debt Certificate payments
- Utilize the revenue for Health Life Safety expenses
- Utilize the revenue for the deferred maintenance on all District buildings
- Utilize the revenue for District Facility upgrades



Election: November 6, 2018

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The County School Facility Sales Tax represents the first shift away from relying on property taxes for local school district funding in Illinois. The law went into effect in 2007 (based on a similar law in Iowa) allowing 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. School Boards representing almost 100% of the resident student enrollment in Sangamon County have passed resolutions approving the sales tax resolution, and the question will be placed on the ballot at the next scheduled election.

A More Equitable Sales Tax

The design of this sales tax is more equitable to those living on fixed incomes or in professions that could be severely impacted by a new sales tax.

It is important to know what is NOT subject to this tax

- Unprepared Food (groceries)
- Prescriptions and over-the-counter medications
- Cars, Trucks, ATVs, Boats, RVs and Mobile Homes
- Farm Equipment, Parts, and Farm Inputs
- Services are also not taxed
- If it is not currently taxed, it will not be taxed

Please attend one of two informative sessions about the county school facility sales tax to have your questions answered.

Tuesday, October 30

6:30 pm, Williamsville Village Hall

Thursday, November 1

**6:30 pm, United Community Bank,
Sherman**

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

\$100.00 of grocery food = **no increase**

\$50.00 of gas = 50 cents

\$15,000 car/truck = **no increase**

\$7.00 of fast food = 7 cents

\$450.00 TV = \$4.50

\$40.00 of medicine = **no increase**

\$70.00 pair of shoes = 70 cents



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



Questions or More Information

To learn more about what the county school facility sales tax means to you call Williamsville-Sherman CUSD #15 Superintendent Tip Reedy at (217) 566-2014, email reedy@wcusd15.org or visit our website at www.wcusd15.org.

Please take the time to learn about this important issue.

