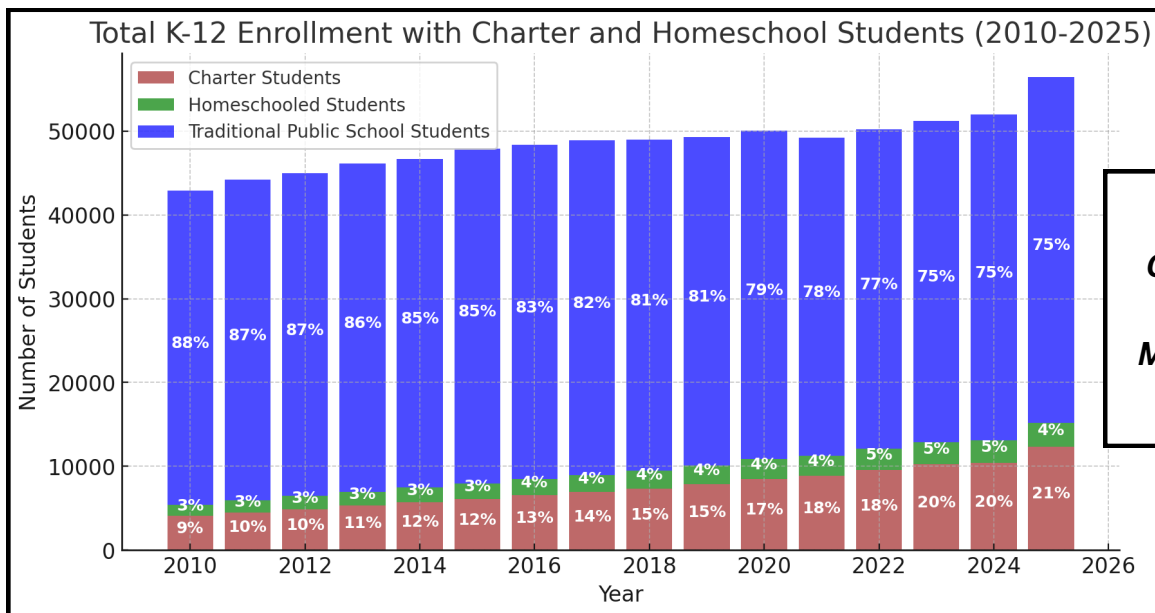


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Charter School Students represent 20.9% of Manatee County Schools.

“I check my receipt and I can’t help but ask: why am I paying for improvements my kid will never see?”

Year	Manatee Population	Total 1/2 Penny Sales Tax Collected by MCSB	School Year	Total K-12 Enrollment	% Charter Students*	# Charter Students*	Sales Tax Surcharge Received	Percent of 1/2 Penny Sales Tax	Sales Tax \$ Per Charter Child	Sales Tax \$ per Traditional Public School Child
2001	271,022		2000-2001	36,569	1.1%	400				
2002	278,168		2001-2002	38,282	2.1%	808				
2003	285,429	\$26,259,468	2002-2003	39,132	3.1%	1,216	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$671.05
2004	292,806	\$26,938,152	2003-2004	40,216						
2005	300,299	\$27,627,508	2004-2005	41,333						
2006	307,908	\$28,327,536	2005-2006	42,333						
2007	315,633	\$29,038,236	2006-2007	42,216						
2008	323,474	\$29,759,608	2007-2008	42,516						
2009	331,431	\$30,491,652	2008-2009	42,516						
2010	322,833	\$29,700,636	2009-2010	42,916						
2011	327,619	\$30,140,948	2010-2011	44,216						
2012	333,965	\$30,724,780	2011-2012	44,916						
2013	342,024	\$31,466,208	2012-2013	46,165	11.5%	5,300	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$681.60
2014	351,080	\$32,299,360	2013-2014	46,705	12.2%	5,709	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$691.56
2015	362,821	\$33,379,532	2014-2015	47,883	12.8%	6,117	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$697.11
2016	375,538	\$30,062,884	2015-2016	48,356	13.5%	6,526	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$621.70
2017	385,458	\$31,265,399	2016-2017	48,884	14.2%	6,934	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$639.58
2018	394,043	\$31,490,077	2017-2018	48,952	15.0%	7,343	\$953,552	3.0%	\$129.86	\$733.89
2019	402,977	\$32,749,680	2018-2019	49,301	16.0%	7,888	\$1,917,199	5.9%	\$243.05	\$744.52
2020	399,710	\$34,019,667	2019-2020	50,088	17.0%	8,515	\$1,995,287	5.9%	\$234.33	\$770.32
2021	413,716	\$36,684,613	2020-2021	49,181	18.0%	8,853	\$2,026,902	5.5%	\$228.96	\$859.39
2022	429,169	\$45,130,466	2021-2022	50,248	19.0%	9,547	\$2,481,379	5.5%	\$259.91	\$1,047.87
2023	441,095	\$49,701,086	2022-2023	51,234	20.0%	10,247	\$2,866,726	5.8%	\$279.77	\$1,142.66
2024	453,021	\$51,689,130	2023-2024	52,000	20.0%	10,400	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$1,242.53
2025	456,210	\$53,756,695	2024-2025	56,470	21.9%	12,367	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$1,218.89
		\$782,703,321								

In 2024, Manatee County School District has collected over \$53 million in sales tax dollars intended to benefit ALL public school students. Yet, while traditional public school students receive more than \$1,200 each, Charter School students receive absolutely nothing.

“It’s frustrating to watch my tax dollars help other schools while my child is overlooked.”

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Manatee County Schools Sales Tax Surcharge Timeline

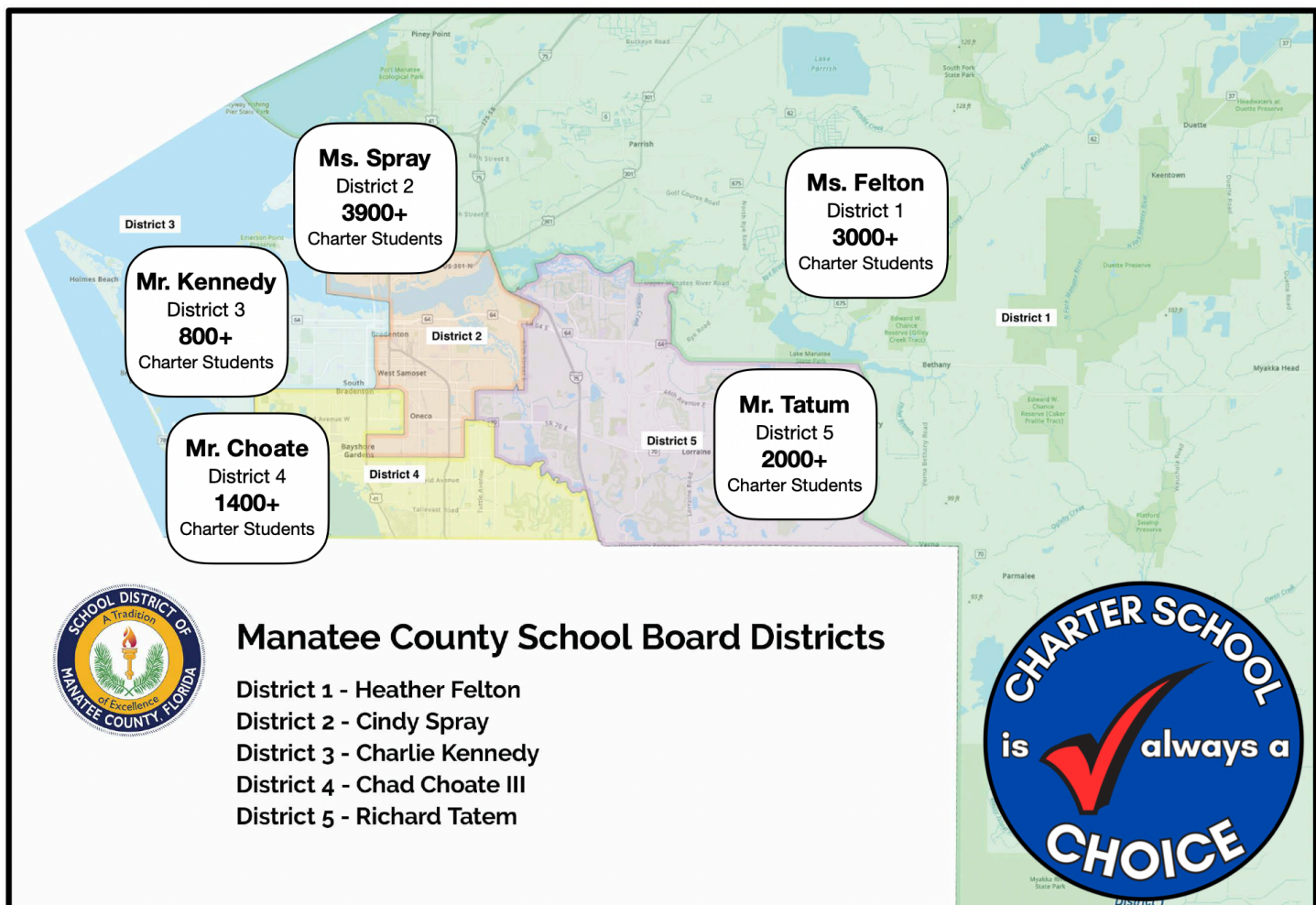
- 2002** → 1/2 Cent Sales Tax on Ballot - Approved
- 2016** → District Requests Charter Support for Sales Tax Renewal - Passes
- 2020** → State Law Requires Charters to Receive Sales Tax Proportionally
- 2017 - 2023** → District Shares a "Portion" of Sales Tax - 1/3 of required
- August 2023** → District stops providing any Sales Tax dollars to Charter Schools
- 2023 - 2025** → Charters Urge School Board to Restore Sales Tax Funding
- Today** → Charters Demand Fair Representation in Sales Tax Distribution

2002 Ballot

ONE-HALF CENT SALES SURTAX FOR ACQUISITION, RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF EDUCATION FACILITIES

Shall the Manatee County School Board levy a countywide one-half cent sales surtax for fifteen years? Revenues statutorily available to the school district shall be used for capital expenditures to reduce overcrowding, eliminate portable classrooms, renovate existing schools, build new schools where needed, purchase technology, and improve student safety, achievement and conduct.

- YES, For the one-half cent sales tax
- NO, Against the one-half cent sales tax



What is the solution for Charter School families?

We urge the Manatee County School Board to

- distribute the withheld 2024-25 funds to Charter Schools.
- ensure future budget allocations include Charter Schools.
- enforce measures to prevent further discrepancies.



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