

Subject: Vote for Equitable Sales Tax Distribution – A Parent’s Call for Fair Funding for Charter Schools

Dear Members of the Manatee County School Board,

I am writing as a concerned parent with a child who attends a charter school. I am deeply troubled by the decision not to distribute our community’s half-cent sales tax revenue equitably across all public schools. When our community approved this tax, we did so with the expectation that every public-school student—whether in a district school or a charter school—would benefit from these funds.

Florida Statute Section 212.055(6)(b) clearly mandates that these funds be shared proportionately. With over 20% of our students enrolled in charter schools, it is unacceptable that these schools are being left out of critical funding that directly impacts our children’s education. As a parent, I see firsthand the difference that proper funding makes in the quality of education and resources available to our kids.

I urge you to vote for a fair allocation of these funds and ensure that every child in Manatee County receives the support they deserve. Please reconsider the current funding strategy and do the right thing for our community and our future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your Contact Information]