

County School Facility Occupation Tax (1% Sales Tax)

The County School Facility Occupation Tax was put on the ballot in April 2009 and was approved by a majority of the County's voters. The law went into effect on January, 2010 and the Champaign County School Districts began receiving funds in April, 2010. I am frequently asked what the Sales Tax revenue can be used for. The Sales Tax can be used for capital needs and for abating taxes.

Every year the Prairieview-Ogden School District abates 100% of the Bond taxes saving the taxpayers on their property taxes. It is important to note that the law strictly prohibits the funds from being used for operational needs, such as staff salaries, utility bills, or classroom supplies.

The 1% Sales Tax **is not** applied too... Food (not intended for immediate consumption), Drugs and medical supplies, Farm equipment and parts, vehicles, boats, trailers, RV's and ATV's.

The 1% Sales Tax revenue **can be used** for... Construction of NEW facilities, Improvements to existing facilities, Land Acquisition, School Security, and Energy Conservation.

The tax has been a game changer when it comes to our District capabilities for funding capital needs (see below some examples)

- 1). South Elementary roof
- 2). New outside doors at each building.
- 3). Geothermal at South Elementary
- 4). Wind turbine at South Elementary
- 5). New double pane classroom windows installed at each building.
- 6). New metal roof on gym at North Elementary
- 7). New drop ceiling installed in gym at North Elementary
- 8). New drop ceiling tiles replacing old ceiling tiles in the hallway and cafeteria at North Elementary
- 9). New drop ceiling tiles replacing old ceiling tiles in hallways at Jr. High School.
- 10). New drop ceiling installed at Jr. High School.
- 11). New fascia installed at South Elementary around gym and cafeteria outside.
- 12). New panic buttons at North Elementary
- 13). New heating/cooling system at North Elementary

- 14). New drop ceiling and lights installed in 2nd/3rd grade classrooms at North Elementary
- 15). New T-8 lighting installed at each building in the classrooms
- 16). New gym lighting installed at each building with motion sensors
- 17). New kitchen dishwashers installed at all three buildings.
- 18). New security cameras and systems at all three buildings
- 19). New plumbing in bathrooms at all three buildings
- 20). New insulation in bus garage
- 21). New phone system at all three buildings
- 22). Sanding and refinishing the Jr. High Gym floor (summer of 2015).
- 23). New drop ceiling tiles replacing old ceiling tiles in classrooms at South Elementary (summer of 2015).
- 24). New Handicapped Bleachers installed at South Elementary (summer of 2015).