

Community Unit School District #16

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Sangamon County School Facility Sales Tax Information

On November 6, 2018, the voters of Sangamon County will be afforded the opportunity to approve a proposal to provide funding to all county school districts through a 1-cent retail sales tax increase. The revenue from this Sangamon County School Facility Sales Tax will be generated from Sangamon County residents and more importantly **from the people who visit and travel through Sangamon County**. The revenue can only be used to maintain and **improve school facilities** or to make payments on existing bond debt. The Sangamon County School Facility Sales Tax is a **shift from exclusively relying on local property taxes to fund school facilities**. This topic will be discussed at great length in the coming months. The information below will ensure you are fully informed about the topic.

The question on the ballot will appear as follows:

“Shall a retailer’s occupation tax and service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a “Sales Tax” be imposed in Sangamon County at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?”

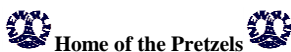
The penny increase (or 1%) in the Sangamon County School Facility Sales Tax will generate vital revenue for New Berlin CUSD #16.

The Sangamon County School Facility Sales Tax revenues can be used for:

- Safety and security improvements
- New or remodeled school facilities
- Land acquisitions
- Architectural planning and engineering
- Energy efficiency
- Durable Equipment
- Paying of building bonds or existing facility debt

The Sangamon County School Facility Sales Tax revenues cannot be used for operating costs such as:

- Salaries and benefits
- Instructional costs
- Textbooks and computers
- Moveable equipment
- School Buses
- Operating Costs



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Unlike many types of sales tax, this specific tax does not tax items that many people think to be essential to families, and especially, senior citizens.

The increased sales tax does not apply to:

- **Cars, trucks, ATV's, boats, and RV or mobile homes**
- **Unprepared food (groceries)**
- **Medicine including prescriptions drugs and over the counter drugs**
- **Farm equipment, parts and farm inputs**
- **If it is not currently taxed, it will not be taxed**

How much more would I be paying if the Sangamon County School Facility Sales Tax passed?

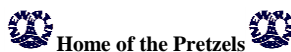
- \$100.00 of grocery food = no increase
- \$50.00 of gas = 50 cents
- \$35,000 car/truck = no increase
- \$7.00 of fast food = 7 cents
- \$450.00 TV = \$4.50
- \$40.00 of medicine = no increase

New Berlin CUSD #16 built a state-of-the-art elementary school for the children it serves in 2009. As we are all aware, the Junior High and High School are much older buildings with a portion of the building almost 100 years old. While the district is proud to say that we have done our best in maintaining our facilities and buildings, we are limited by the resources available to us. The 1-cent Sangamon County School Facility Sales Tax would allow the district to begin a larger conversation for the much-needed facility improvements for all of our students and ensure our facilities provide a safe, secure, and comfortable learning environment for generations to come.

The New Berlin CUSD #16 Board of Education wants each of you to have accurate information about the Sangamon County School Facility Sales Tax and how it will impact our schools. Please remember to exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, November 6th. If you have questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact Adam Ehrman, New Berlin CUSD #16 Superintendent at (217) 488-2040 or visit our website www.pretzelpride.com

Sincerely,

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