

Tazewell County School Facility Sales Tax to Benefit Olympia CUSD 16 Schools

A Better Way to Fund Schools



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. When School Boards representing more than 50 percent of the resident student enrollment in the county adopt resolutions supporting the sales tax, the question will be placed on the ballot at the next scheduled election. A simple majority of votes cast county-wide is needed to pass. Presently 51 Illinois counties out of 102 have already approved the County School Facility Sales Tax.

Election: April 2, 2019

Ballot Question:

"Shall a retailer's occupation tax and service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a "Sales Tax") be imposed in the Tazewell County at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?"

Information about the County School Facility Sales Tax

Retail sales NOT taxed include:

- Cars, Trucks, ATV's, Boats, RVs, and Mobile Homes, Unprepared Food (groceries), Medicine, Farm Equipment, Parts, and Farm Inputs
- If it is not currently taxed, it will not be

Sales tax revenue can be used for:

- Safety and Security Improvements, New School Facilities, Additions & Renovations, Energy Efficiency, Paying Off Building Bonds, Architectural Planning/Engineering, and Durable Equipment

Sales tax revenue CANNOT be used for:

- Salaries and Benefits, Instructional Costs, Textbooks and Computers, Moveable Equipment, School Buses, and Operating Costs

How much revenue will this generate for Olympia CUSD 16?

It is estimated that Olympia CUSD 16 would receive \$400,000 annually. This amount is based on the district enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year



Olympia CUSD 16 Priorities

- Structural; including masonry and block inside the buildings as well as concrete and asphalt for sidewalks and parking lots
- Electrical; including replacing wiring and adding power to aging buildings
- Safety; including adding cameras and replacing steel doors/frames/locks
- Alert systems; including aging fire alarms and hall/class speakers
- Code recommendations; including bleachers in the OHS Grandstand and OMS Gymnasium
- Lighting; including brighter lights for student learning and higher efficiency to save dollars
- HVAC; including replacing older units and updating controls

How much more would I actually pay if the sales tax is passed?

Below are some various examples of the impact of the County School Facility Sales Tax if it is passed.

- \$100.00 of grocery food = **No Increase**
- \$50.00 of gas = \$.50
- \$15,000.00 car/truck = **No Increase**
- \$7.00 of fast food = \$.07
- \$450.00 TV = \$4.50
- \$40.00 of medicine = **No Increase**
- \$70.00 pair of shoes = \$.70



How do school facilities improve the quality of education in our schools?

The dollars provided by the County School Facility Sales Tax will establish a reliable source of revenue to ensure districts' school facilities/grounds can be maintained and updated regularly to provide many future years of quality service to the community. Districts will have the capacity to make important improvements to the environment where students learn with an emphasis on security and safety. The ability to provide modern facilities necessary to support a 21st century education is critical to equip our students with the tools they need to compete in a rapidly changing global marketplace.

How much revenue will the sales tax generate for our schools?

If the County School Facility Sales Tax passes, it is projected to generate **\$13,741,161** for all districts across Tazewell County.

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How much of the revenue generated by the sales tax will come from people who live outside of Tazewell County?

It is projected that **25 percent to 30 percent** of the total annual revenue will come from *people not residing in Tazewell County* such as tourists, visitors, or shoppers from neighboring counties.

How will the County School Facility Sales tax appear on the April 2nd ballot?



Proposition for a 1% (1 cent) County School Facility Sales Tax

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