

On November 6, voters in Tazewell County will decide on a 1¢ county-wide sales tax dedicated to school maintenance, renovation, and construction. This proposal is an innovative way to fund schools while helping our local economy and reducing property taxes.

Safe Learning Environments

Providing a quality education depends on school buildings and classrooms that are well maintained and up-to-date. At the same time, it's critical to make sure that our schools are safe and secure and operate as efficiently as possible. Every penny will go directly to our schools who will decide how best to use the funds in their individual district.

More Jobs

The 1¢ sales tax for schools also means that ongoing funds will be available for school facilities' needs, including construction and renovation. The projects funded by this sales tax will put people to work across Tazewell County. Job creation means economic growth for our communities and a better quality of life for everyone in our county.

Lower Taxes

Until now, our school districts have depended on property owners to fund school improvements through higher property taxes. *The 1¢ sales tax is a fair way to fund our schools.* This tax burden can now be shared with visitors to the county who will be supporting our schools with their spending. School Districts will have a dedicated funding source for school facility improvements that does not require increases in property taxes. With the additional funding source existing property taxes can then be lowered.

VOTE

April 2, 2019

Tazewell County Schools Facility Sales Tax

Please take the time to research this extremely important issue for the future of our students and schools.

The Ballot Question:

“Shall Tazewell County be authorized to impose a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a “sales tax”) at a rate of one percent (1%) to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?”

QUESTIONS?

Please call (309) 444-3943 or email Dale Heidbreder, Superintendent, at dheidbreder@central51.net

1¢ Tazewell County Schools Facility Sales Tax



CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 51

Encourage Excellence Every Day with Compassion, Commitment, and Community

- > **1¢ = an investment in better classrooms and safety**
The 1¢ sales tax is a dedicated source of revenue our district will use for better and safer learning environments for our kids.
- > **1¢ = taking the pressure off property taxes**
The district can use the revenues to pay off existing debt (like outstanding building bonds) AND pay for new facility projects reducing the need to levy local property tax.
- > **1¢ = local control of funds**
As a community, we can work directly with our elected school board members to make decisions about the best use of the revenue.
- > **1¢ = an investment in our community**
Quality schools help attract families to Tazewell County and keep them here. Many of the projects funded by the 1¢ sales tax will put local people to work and support businesses throughout our county.

VOTE APRIL 2

1¢ Sales Tax for Schools

Guaranteed Income

The revenue generated flows directly to the schools and does not come from the State of Illinois. It is a reliable source of income for the future.

How much sales tax will each district receive?

The money generated each year by the sales tax will be divided between the school districts based on each district's percentage of the overall student population within Tazewell County. Central School District 51 is projected to receive about \$880,000 each year in sales tax revenue.

How will this proposal affect the sales tax rate?

A 1¢ sales tax would be added to qualifying purchases starting July 1, 2019.

Items NOT subject to the sales tax:

- Groceries
- Over the Counter or Prescription Medication
- Medical Supplies
- Cars/Trucks
- Farm Equipment or Parts
- Rent/Mortgage
- Mobile Homes
- Boats/RVs/ATVs

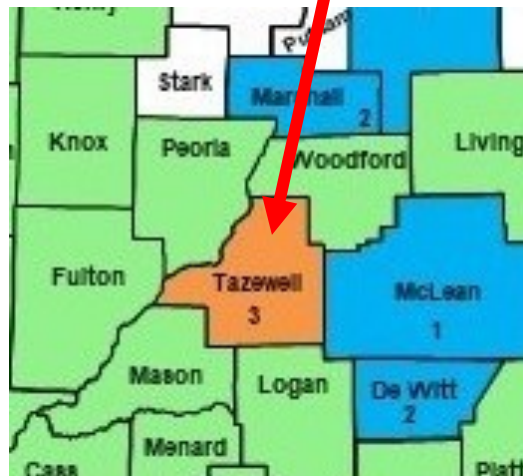
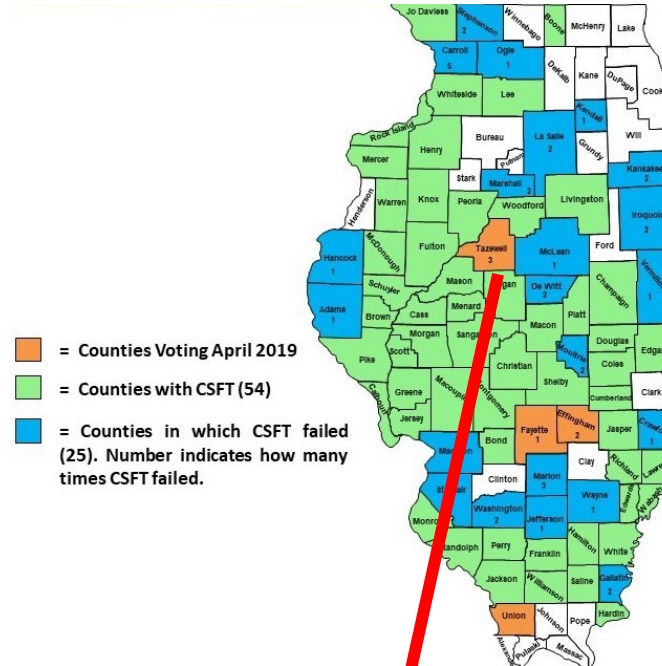
How can the school districts use the sales tax revenue?

The revenue can **ONLY** be used for property tax reduction and facility improvements. By law it **CANNOT** be used for salaries or programs.



Did you know?

54 counties out of 102 counties in Illinois have already passed the 1¢ sales. Five out of six neighboring counties have voted YES.



THE POWER OF A PENNY



\$13.7M
COUNTY-WIDE

20-30% GENERATED
BY VISITORS
FROM OUTSIDE
THE COUNTY

\$880,000

Estimated Annual
Revenue Gain for Central
School District 51

Please Vote on April 2!