

RESOLUTION NO. 26-04

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA TO PLACE A MEASURE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE ELECTORS WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO VOTE ON THE APPROVAL TO CONTINUE A ONE MILL AD VALOREM TAX FOR FOUR YEARS PURSUANT TO SECTION 1011.73(2), FLA. STATS. (2025).

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA:

WHEREAS, Section 1011.73(2), Fla. Stats. (2025), authorizes The School Board of Marion County, Florida (School Board) pursuant to a resolution adopted at a regular meeting to direct the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida to call an election at which the electors within the school district may approve an ad valorem tax millage as authorized under Section 1011.71(9), Fla. Stats. (2025); and

WHEREAS, Section 1011.71(9), Fla. Stats. (2025), authorizes a school district to levy by local referendum additional millage for school operating purposes up to an amount that, when combined with the nonvoted millage levied, does not exceed the 10-mill limit established in s. 9(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the additional one mill ad valorem tax approved by referendum in 2022 for necessary operating expenses expires June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the school district to submit to the voters the question of approving the continuation of the one mill ad valorem tax for four years for necessary operating expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO CALL AN ELECTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, AT WHICH THE ELECTORS WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY VOTE ON THE

CONTINUATION OF A ONE MILL AD VALOREM TAX FOR FOUR YEARS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 1011.71(9), FLA. STATS. (2025), AND THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MEASURE AND THE BALLOT TITLE SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

BALLOT TITLE: Approval of continuing one mill ad valorem tax for School District operating expenses

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Marion County School District's one mill ad valorem millage be continued, beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2031, for necessary operating expenses including safe schools, reading, physical education, art, music, early learning, library/media, and vocational programs; and retaining State Certified teachers and paraprofessionals with oversight of these expenditures by an independent citizens financial oversight committee?

Yes

No

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Dr. Sarah James
Dr. Sarah James, Board Chair

Attest: DBrewer
Danielle Brewer, Ed.D., Superintendent