



Manatee County Republican Executive Committee RESOLUTION 7.2021

The Republican Party of Manatee County stands for lower taxes and limited government.

The Republican Platform and the Republican Party of Manatee County applaud America's great teachers and urges school districts to make use of teaching talent in the business community, STEM fields and more in order to maintain a vibrant local community and economy in Manatee County, and the state of Florida, and to maintain American preeminence via a world class system of education in which all students can reach their full potential.

The Republican Party of Manatee County supports all personnel who interact with children in the educational system, traditional and charter educational schools, technical institutions, online universities & work-based learning because an educated citizenry is necessary for a free society.

The Republican Platform states, and, the Republican Party of Manatee County concurs that more money does not necessarily equal better performance & independent wealth and prosperity provide the means by which families can maintain their independence from government.

Considering this and the reasons below, the Manatee County Republican Executive Committee **OPPOSES the one (1) mill continuation ad valorem tax for the Manatee County School District on the ballot in the November 2, 2021 Special Election.**

- (1) By placing this tax issue on a Special Election ballot in 2018 costing \$300,000, and another 2021 Special Election costing \$400,000, the Board has shown a disdain for public tax revenues;
- (2) The Board represented the 2018 referendum tax would generate \$33 million per year. In FY 2020-2021 the tax actually raised almost \$47 million;
- (3) The broad scope & authority of the required oversight Citizens Financial Oversight Committee (CFOC) created upon passage in 2018 has been drastically reduced & limited;
- (4) The June 2, 2021 letter from the Manatee County School Board CFOC states that "No definitive conclusions can be drawn at this time regarding the success of Resolution 2017-11 in accomplishing its goals;
- (5) The Manatee County School Board has failed to justify the need for the proposed tax prior to placing it on the ballot.

Adopted on the 26th day of July in the year of our Lord 2021
with a quorum of the Manatee County Republican Executive Committee present.

Attested to by Kathleen King, Chairman
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