

Sales Tax Proposal

The school district currently collects two cents sales tax

The initial one-cent sales tax, was approved by the citizens of Lafourche, in 1965 and the second one-cent sales tax, was approved by voters, in 1995

The first priority is to address an estimated \$5.1 million deficit, which includes a \$300,000 cut in funding for BCA and VAL charter schools

An increase in revenue will allow us to maintain current instructional programming including music as well as support services such as counseling, nursing and library services

The second priority is to increase employee salaries in order to retain and recruit staff and to compete with surrounding school districts who pay higher salaries

Currently, the proposed one-cent sales tax, is estimated to generate \$14 million

With this projection, we anticipate approximately a \$3000 increase in the salary schedule for professional staff and an additional \$2000-\$3000 for those with 15 or more years of service

Also anticipated to increase the salary schedule for support employees by \$2000