

YES *for our*
Schools

SALES TAX

ENDORSED

The Cleveland Plain Dealer
"A boon to schools and taxpayers" (3/27/07)

Medina County Gazette
"We support the proposal because it will shift some of the tax burden from property owners to consumers." (2/6/2007)

Crain's CLEVELAND BUSINESS Opinion
"Worth a try" (2/26/07)

ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

- Brunswick City Council
- Brunswick City Schools Board of Education
- Buckeye Local Schools Board of Education
- Cloverleaf Local Schools Board of Education
- Greater Medina Area Chamber of Commerce
- Highland Local Schools Board of Education
- Medina City Council
- Medina City Schools Board of Education

Top 10 Reasons to Vote

YES on May 8th

1. Sales Tax is for Schools and only Schools.
2. Eases current and future property tax burden—in writing!
3. Used only for permanent improvements – such as textbooks, buildings, busses, etc.— NOT salaries or operating expenses
4. Reforms how we pay for the mandatory local costs of education
5. Shoppers from outside Medina County funding our schools
6. Fair and proportional distribution based on school enrollment
7. Keeps Medina County sales tax dollars in Medina County
8. Prescription drugs, groceries, gasoline, public utilities, food stamp purchases are all exempt from the tax
9. County sales tax revenues historically grows faster than inflation
10. All public schools in Medina County will benefit

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The 1/2% Sales Tax will Reduce the Property Tax Burden

- ☑ Eliminate collection of 1.45 mill Permanent Improvement Levy as adopted by Brunswick City School District Resolution number R06-12S-212.
- ☑ Enable Highland Local School District to reduce next operating levy request by equivalent millage of anticipated sales tax income, estimated reduction is 1.55 mills.
- ☑ Will lessen the property tax millage needed for future levies in Buckeye Local School District.
- ☑ Allow our school districts to carry out their written promises for tax reduction, including elimination of permanent improvement levies and defined reductions in future levy requests.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SALES TAX ISSUE...

1. **Proportional distribution of Sales Tax Revenues based on school enrollment.**
As adopted by the Community Improvement Board on March 13, 2007, in order to assure a fair and equitable distribution to each of the school districts, the annual grants will be awarded proportional to the number students enrolled in that school district.
2. **Long-term assured funding: Sales Tax Can Only be Repealed by the Voters –**
The tax can only be repealed by a vote of the County Commissioners placing a repeal measure on the ballot before Medina County voters to stop collection.
3. **Memorandum of Understanding to Repeal Tax if Conditions Change -**
Given the 30-year term of the proposed sales and use tax, the County and the School Districts have a mutual understanding agreement that the County may place the question of the repeal of this sales and use tax to the electors in the event that Ohio laws are amended such that an Ohio school district becomes authorized to levy directly its own sales and use tax.

OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE

PROPOSED SALES AND USE TAX MEDINA COUNTY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

The Board of County Commissioners of MEDINA COUNTY proposes to levy a sales and use tax in the amount of one-half of one percent (1/2%) for the purpose of PROVIDING ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE COUNTY TO BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS BOARD for a period of thirty (30) years, effective October 1, 2007.

SHALL THE RESOLUTION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROPOSING A ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (1/2%) SALES AND USE TAX BE APPROVED?

YES NO

4. **Proportional Distribution of Sales Tax Revenues Protected.** As adopted by the Community Improvement Board, the distribution formula would only be modified upon the approval of (i) Board of Medina County Commissioners, (ii) the Community Improvement Board (CIB), and (iii) a majority of the school districts.

5. **Reserved Accounts for Smaller Districts – MRDD, Black River Local, Rittman Exempted and North Central Districts.** As adopted by the CIB, if for any reason a school district does not receive a grant in any given year, the amount of a grant that could have been made shall be reserved for that school district in a separate account for a period of ten (10) Years. If the school district has not applied and qualified for a grant within that period, the amount so reserved shall be removed from that account and shall become available in awarding Grants in accordance with the proportional distribution formula for that year.