



September 28, 2020

Dear Wildcat Family,

Next week the Alachua County Public Schools Title 1 Department will present Navigating Kindergarten. You must pre-register for this event on the School Board website at <https://fl02219191.schoolwires.net/Domain/87>. The webinars are Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00 pm or Wednesday, September 30 at 9:00 am.

We will be sending home Emergency Contact Cards for every Brick & Mortar student at Wiles. When you receive yours please make sure you check over it carefully, make ANY corrections needed, sign and date them and return them to school. For your child's safety and protection, we must have an Emergency Card on file for every student.

**PICTURE DAY** for Brick & Mortar students is next **Thursday, October 1st**. Be sure to come to school and bring your biggest smile. Digital Academy students are scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th.

All students (Brick & Mortar and Digital Academy) may participate in the free FluMist Immunization program. For a consent form and other information, go to <https://fl02219191.school-wires.net/Page/979>. Wiles is scheduled for the flumist on Friday, October 9th. More information will be sent home next week.

The district has an updated Family Support Resources page to provide additional guidance to families with children attending the Digital Academy. The page has links to videos and instructional sheets on topics ranging from getting a username and password to what a day in the Digital Academy looks like for both elementary and secondary school students. The link to the page is <https://www.sbac.edu/Page/30056>.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

*Katherine L. Munn*

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Principal



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# The One Mill: Protecting Vital People, Programs and Services

## The One Mill is more important than ever!

During the Great Recession, students in Alachua County Public Schools had access to many vital programs and services that other students in Florida didn't. By approving the One Mill for Schools in 2008, 2012 and 2016, local voters ensured that our schools had the funding they needed to maintain art and music teachers, school counselors, librarians, academic and career-tech programs, middle and high school bands and choruses and classroom technology. The One Mill has also guaranteed a nurse in every school. Currently the One Mill supports more than 320 jobs, and it's the district's primary source of technology funding.

Today our schools face an even bigger crisis than the Great Recession. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Alachua County Public Schools could lose as much as \$16 million in funding just this year, possibly even more. That doesn't include the millions of extra dollars the district has spent on COVID for everything from personal protective equipment to training to laptops for students learning online.

That's why the One Mill is back on the ballot this year. The \$17 million it raises each year will help our schools weather this crisis and keep in place the vital programs and services our children will need more than ever.

In fact, the One Mill is important to all of us, whether we have children in school or not. High-quality schools help attract new businesses and jobs to the community. They boost the economy and property values. Most of all, they prepare our young people to be successful and productive adults.

## How much does the One Mill cost?

One Mill equals \$1 for every \$1000 of the taxable value of your property, which means if you don't own taxable property in Alachua County, the One Mill won't cost you anything!

If you do own taxable property, the One Mill WILL NOT increase your school property tax bill. That's because it's a renewal, NOT a new tax.

Overall, your school property tax bill should be **lower** this year than it was last year, even with the One Mill.

For the average Alachua County homeowner, the One Mill adds up to less than \$7 a month.



## Ballot Language

### RENEWAL OF THE EXISTING ONE MILL AD VALOREM TAX FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING EXPENSES.

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Alachua County School District's existing one mill ad valorem tax be renewed, beginning July 1, 2021 and ending four years later on June 30, 2025, for necessary operating expenses to fund school nurses; music, art and drama programs; school library programs; school counseling programs; band and chorus programs; academic magnets; career technical programs; and to update classroom technology, with oversight by an independent citizens' committee?

- YES
- NO

# VOTE

**Election Day is November 3  
Registration Deadline is October 5**

Registering to vote is easy! You can register online, through the mail or in person. You also have a number of options for casting your ballot—early voting, mail-in voting and voting in person at your polling place.

The Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Office has all the information you need on its website at [www.votealachua.com](http://www.votealachua.com).

Make sure your voice will be heard this November—register and vote!

**More information on the One Mill is available at [www.sbac.edu](http://www.sbac.edu) or at <https://bit.ly/3kr7TfE>**

## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

### Accidents aren't supposed to happen, but they do.

School recess, one-day field trips and general day-to-day activities can all lead to injuries. Having coverage during school hours, or around the clock can insure your loved ones get the care they need without financial hardship to your family.

#### ELIGIBILITY

Any enrolled student is eligible for coverage.

#### K-12 ACCIDENT PLANS THAT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL:

- School Time Accident Only
- 24-Hour Accident Only
- Interscholastic Sports
- 24-Hour Dental

#### ADULT/VOTECH ACCIDENT PLANS THAT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL:

- School Time Accident Only
- 24-Hour Dental

**PAYMENT:** Parents or guardians of students are responsible for enrollment and premium payment.

#### HOW TO ENROLL

Enrolling is easy and only takes a few minutes.

Go to <https://www.SchoolInsuranceAgency.com>.

1. Choose Apply now
2. Choose Enroll Now then Lookup
3. Select your School based on your County
4. Select your plan, Pay and Print confirmation

**OR** Print the enrollment application from our web site and mail it to our office with your check, credit card or money order . No ID card will be returned on mail in applications.

**FOR A FULL LIST OF BENEFITS AND EXCLUSIONS GO TO:**

<https://www.SchoolInsuranceAgency.com>

**FOR QUESTIONS, CALL 1-800-541-8256**

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## SEGURO DE ACCIDENTE PARA ESTUDIANTES

### Accidentes no deben suceder, pero suceden.

En el recreo, excursiones de un día y actividades generales del día a día pueden llevar a lesiones. Tener cobertura durante el horario escolar, o durante todo el día puede asegurar a sus seres queridos reciban la atención que necesitan sin la penuria financiera para su familia.

#### ELEGIBILIDAD:

Todos los estudiantes que estén matriculados son elegibles.

#### K-12 PLANES DE ACCIDENTES QUE ESTÁN DISPONIBLES A TRAVÉS DE SU ESCUELA:

- Cubierta durante hora escolar
- Cubierta las 24 horas
- Deportes Intercolegiales
- Cubierta Dental las 24 horas

#### ADULTOS / VOTECH PLANES DE ACCIDENTES QUE ESTÁN DISPONIBLES A TRAVÉS DE SU ESCUELA:

- Cubierta durante hora escolar
- Cubierta las 24 horas

**PAGOS:** Los padres o tutores de los estudiantes son responsables de la inscripción y pago de la prima.

#### COMO INSCRIBIRSE

Es fácil y sólo toma unos pocos minutos.

#### NUESTRA PAGINA WEB ES:

<https://www.SchoolInsuranceAgency.com>.

1. Seleccione "Apply Now"
2. Seleccione "Enroll Now" y "Lookup"
3. Seleccione su Escuela
4. Seleccione su cobertura, page e imprima su confirmación de cobertura.

**O puede** imprimir la solicitud de cobertura que se encuentra en nuestra página web. Envíe la aplicación con el pago. Ya sea por cheque, tarjeta crédito, o giro postal. *Nota: No enviaremos el comprobante de cobertura por correo.*

**PARA UNA LISTA COMPLETA DE LOS BENEFICIOS Y EXCLUSIONES VAYA A NUESTRA PÁGINA WEB:**

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