

## Joint County Commission/School Board Meeting

### I. Developing a Public Education Strategic Plan

### II. Micro-Managing

- A. Does the County have the “authority” and/or responsibility to question where money is expended in current expense?
- B. Should the budget process be more inclusive and provide more detail (purpose and function) for current expense and by specific project for capital outlay?

### III. Current Expense.

- A. Determining the amount needed for current expense:
  - 1. Should there be a multi-year funding plan versus only 1 year requests?
- B. Is the state average per pupil expenditure an acceptable goal?
  - 1. How much is the state average PPE? (with or without city school systems)
  - 2. What is the cost to meet the state average PPE?
- C. How will student population growth affect long term cost of meeting average?
- D. Will a tax increase be needed to meet this goal?
- E. Are citizens willing to accept a tax increase for schools?
  - 1. How do we determine the willingness?
- F. Will student performance improve with increased funding?

### IV. Capital Outlay

- A. Development & acceptance of Capital Construction Plan to provide adequate school facilities.
  - 1. What are the current needs excluding growth?
  - 2. What will be the effects of population growth on the plan?
- B. Development of funding plan to provide resources for Capital Construction Plan.
  - 1. Will a tax increase be needed to meet this need?
  - 2. Effect of 1 cent sales tax increase and its probability of State Legislative approval.
- C. Savings in standardized school building plan and “in-house” design services.
- D. Are the taxpayers ready to raise property taxes and undertake a major indebtedness to provide “adequate” school facilities?
  - 1. How do we determine the willingness?
- F. Determining the timing of project.

