

Williamsville-Sherman CUSD #15 District Dispatch –October 2018



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From the Superintendent's Desk

Sangamon County School Facility Sales Tax

On November 6, 2018, the voters of Sangamon County will be asked to approve a proposal to provide funding to all county school districts through a 1-cent retail sales tax increase. The revenue from this Sangamon County School Facility Sales Tax will be generated from Sangamon County residents and more importantly from the people who visit and travel through Sangamon County. The revenue can only be used to maintain and improve school facilities or to make payments on existing bond debt. The Sangamon County School Facility Sales Tax is a shift from exclusively relying on local property taxes to fund school facilities.

The WCUSD#15 Board of Education has passed a resolution publicly verifying the use of the revenue. The Sangamon County Schools Facility Sales Tax funding will provide the revenue to:

- Utilize the revenue to enhance School Security and Safety
- Utilize the revenue pay off existing annual Debt Certificate payments
- Utilize the revenue for Health Life Safety expenses
- Utilize the revenue for the deferred maintenance on all District Buildings
- Utilize the revenue over time for District Facility upgrades

This topic will be discussed at great length in the upcoming weeks.

The question on the ballot will appear as follows:

“Shall a retailer’s occupation tax and service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a “Sales Tax” be imposed in Sangamon County at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?”

The penny increase (or 1%) in the Sangamon County School Facility Sales Tax will annually generate approximately \$1,060,000 for WCUSD#15.

WCUSD#15 has not had the revenue over the past several years to maintain our facilities and buildings. The 1-cent Sangamon County School Facility Sales Tax would allow the district to begin the much-needed improvements previously mentioned and ensure our facilities provide a safe, secure, and comfortable learning environment for generations to come.

The WCUSD#15 Board of Education wants each of you to have accurate information about the Sangamon County School Facility Sales Tax and how it will impact our schools. Please remember to exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, November 6th. If you have questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact Tip Reedy WCUSD#15 Superintendent (217)566-2014 or visit our website www.wcusd15.org.

For up to date district information, I encourage you to follow me on twitter @wcusd15supt, check our website www.wcusd15.org, and like our district Facebook page Williamsville-Sherman CUSD #15. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A BULLET!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tip Reedy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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