



What is taxed? The sales tax is a retail tax but does not tax groceries, medicines, cars, boats, and other licensed vehicles, farm equipment, parts and inputs. “If it is not currently taxed, it will not be taxed.” The sales tax would cover sales of restaurant food, alcohol, clothing, fuel, and other items currently covered by the state sales tax base.

## County School Facility Sales Tax

**This one-cent sales tax proposal can be used to provide:**

- Improved safety and security for our students
- 21st century classrooms
- Energy efficient heating and air conditioning
- Funding to keep roofs, windows and doors in good working order
- Up-to-date labs and technology
- Property tax relief for our residents

**How much more would I actually be paying if this passed?**

- \$100.00 of grocery food = no increase
- \$50.00 of gas = 50 cents
- \$15,000 car/truck = no increase
- \$7.00 of fast food = 7 cents
- \$450.00 TV = \$4.50
- \$40.00 of medicine = no increase
- \$70.00 pair of shoes = 70 cents

What determines the amount of money each district will receive? Sales tax revenues are distributed to districts based upon the number of students they have that live in Sangamon County. If a 1% sales tax was implemented in Sangamon County, WCUSD#15 would receive approximately almost \$1,060,000 per year to be only used towards facilities and maintenance.

How does the sales tax benefit property owners? The CSFT can benefit property owners in two ways. First, sales tax revenues can be applied to paying off existing debt of the district that was incurred for past school facility needs. Secondly, sales tax revenues can fund projects that, without the sales tax, would otherwise be funded from bonds supported by property taxes. In addition, sales tax is paid by everyone, including visitors to the County, and is a revenue source that does not rely on just property owners. Data shows 30-40% of the 1% sales tax will be paid by visitors outside and visitors traveling to Sangamon County.

How can the sales tax revenues be used? The sales tax revenues can only be used to pay for any school facilities related capital expense such as: building or repairing facilities, energy efficiency improvements, safety and security measures, roofing projects, purchasing land, etc. The funds by law cannot be used for operating or administrative purposes such as salaries. If the voters approve the School Facilities Sales Tax, our district is estimated to receive approximately \$1,060,000 of sales tax revenue/year and, per WCUSD#15 School Board action, intends to use the funds as follows:

### **WCUSD#15 County Facility Sales Tax Priorities**

- 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

Ballot Question: When you go to the polls on November 6, the ballot question for the School Facilities Sales Tax will read as follows:

***Shall a retailer's occupation tax and a 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?***

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 and ensure our facilities provide a safe, secure, and comfortable learning environment for generations to come.

November 6, 2018, Sangamon County Voters will have the opportunity to vote for the 1% Sangamon County Schools Facility Sales Tax. The Board of Education publicly approved a resolution with priority to utilize the Sangamon County Schools Facility Sales Tax revenue to enhance and improve WCUSD#15 school security, facilities, and maintenance.

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](http://www.wcusd15.org).

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

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