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The School District of Martin County appreciated the opportunity to be audited by Evergreen Solutions on behalf of the Florida Legislature's Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA).

The audit, which was conducted in accordance with Florida Statute s. 212.055(10) for the purposes of placing a half-cent sales surtax on voters' ballots in November 2018, indicated that policies and internal control structures for District programs are "strong."

Additional audit results indicated the following:

- The District has used proven contracting and management techniques to bring [construction] projects in at or near originally estimated costs
- Purchasing policies, procedures and systems are operating effectively
- The District's website is robust, offering a significant amount of financial, procurement and performance information to the public

"The establishment of effective policies and procedures for budget monitoring and spending are a very important part of our work in the Martin County School District," said Superintendent Laurie J. Gaylord. "We appreciate the auditors for recognizing the work we put in to ensuring that we manage our funding appropriately and transparently."

Martin County voters will be asked in November 2018 to decide on whether or not to approve the levy of a half-cent sales surtax to fund critical capital needs, which include the complete replacement of Jensen Beach Elementary and Palm City Elementary, security upgrades and enhancements and addressing a \$98 million backlog for the repair and renovation of District-owned school buildings.

If approved by voters, the half-cent sales surtax would generate approximately \$16 million annually over the course of seven (7) years, with reporting on expenditures and project management being provided to taxpayers on an annual basis.

Additional information about the proposed half-cent sales surtax is available on the District's website, www.martinschools.org.

To view the complete Performance Audit of the Martin County School District, please click [here](#).