

Supporting Information Proposed 1% Local Option Sales Tax for School Construction

City of Richmond, Virginia



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The Opportunity | 1% Local Option Sales Tax for School Investment

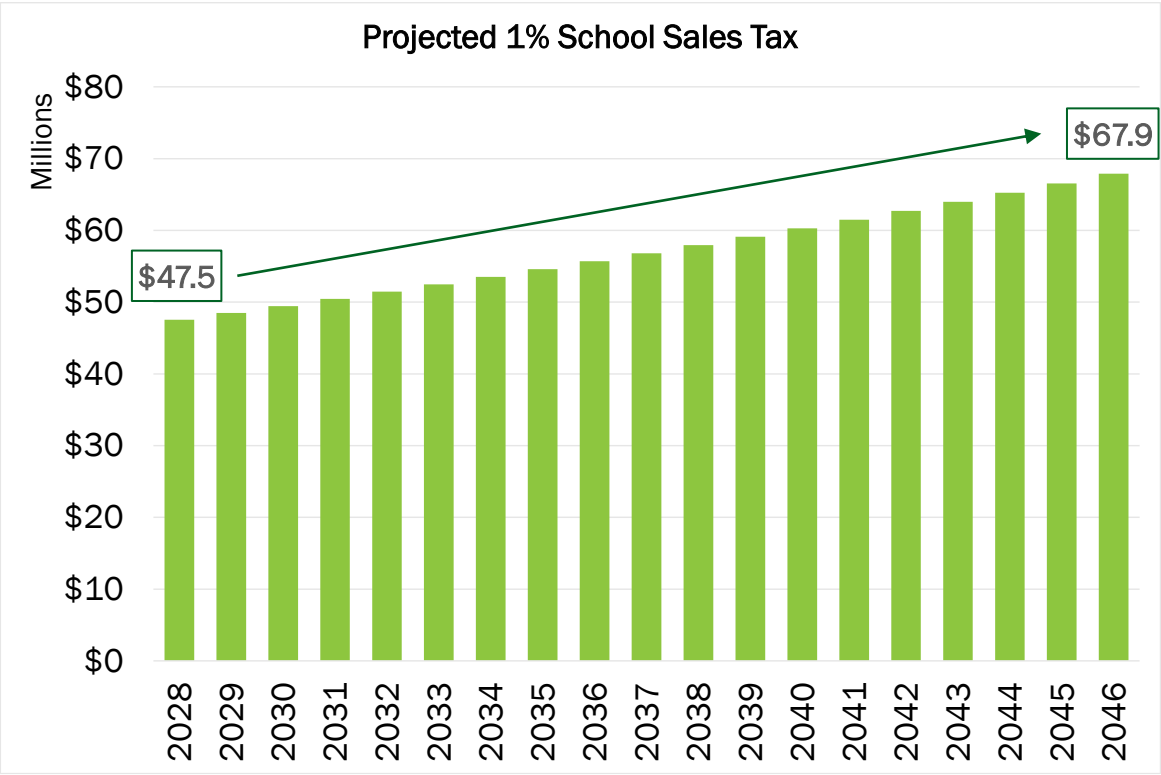
- The New School Sales Tax is up to 1% on total sales within the City, excluding food purchased for human consumption or essential personal hygiene products as defined in the Code of Virginia.

- Key attributes of the New School Sales Tax:
 - Estimated to generate approximately \$47 million in year 1 (FY 2028, if enacted);
 - Based on the Legislation, the revenue stream will last approximately 19 years (through FY 2046);
 - Revenues will grow based on general inflation and economic activity (conservative historic growth trend approximates 3%);
 - The New School Sales Tax cannot be used to repay any existing debt or school construction or improvements that have already begun;
 - Provides dedicated revenue stream for School construction and renovation;
 - Can be used to pay for new debt service;
 - Collected by the Commonwealth and remitted to the City;
 - Must be maintained in a dedicated fund, the earnings on which are to also be dedicated to School construction and renovation.



The Dollars | 1% Local Option Sales Tax for School Investment

- The graph below shows the projected 1% School Sales Tax dollars assuming collection begins in FY 2028.



- Assuming a conservative 2% growth rate, the total 1% School Sales Tax generated totals nearly \$1.1 Billion over 19 years.



Dollars & Timing | Comparison of School Investment with 1%

- Current Plan (Phases III and IV) versus Amended Plan with 1% Local School Sales Tax.

Fiscal Year	Before Current Funding Plan (Phases III & IV)	After Amended Plan with 1% Sales Tax
2028	\$ -	\$ 212.5
2029	200.0	-
2030	-	212.5
2031	-	-
2032	-	212.5
2033	-	-
2034	250.0	212.5
Total	\$ 450.0	\$ 850.0

Amounts in \$millions.



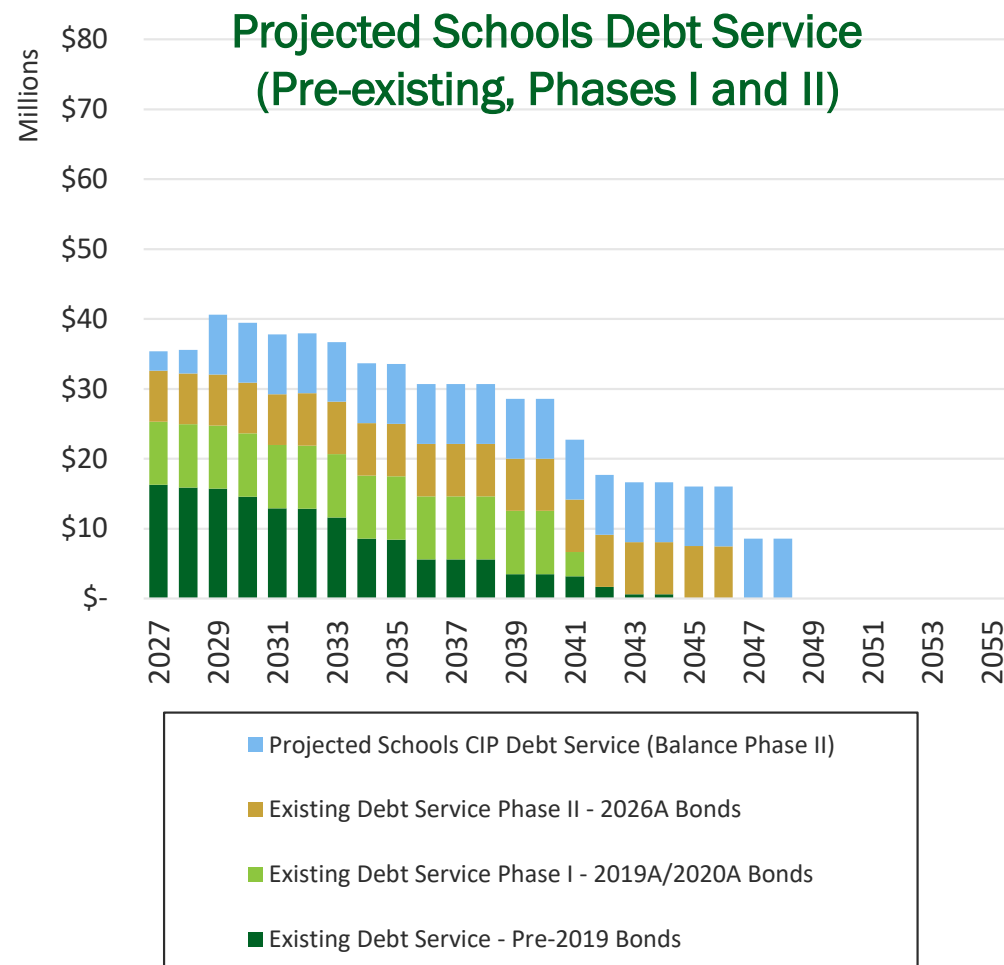
Potential Results | 1% Local Option Sales Tax for School Investment

- The 1% School Sales Tax can fund approximately \$850 million of School Construction and Renovation Projects over the next decade.
- It provides about \$400 million of additional funding for Schools versus the Current Plan.
- Funding is accelerated – monies for School Construction and Renovation are available twice as fast as the Current Plan.
- It does not rely on future General Fund Revenue growth for School Capital Investment.



Debt Service Projections | Needed revenue for current school program

- Schools Debt Service includes Existing pre-2019 bond funded projects (supported by general fund); Existing Phase I 2019A/2020A Bonds (supported by meals tax RPS special reserve), Phase II Existing 2026A and projected future bonds (supported by a small portion of meals tax RPS special reserve and general fund).

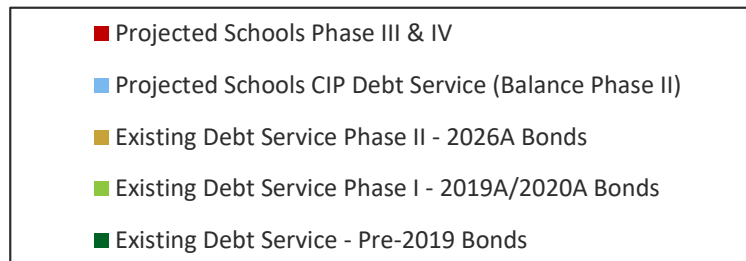
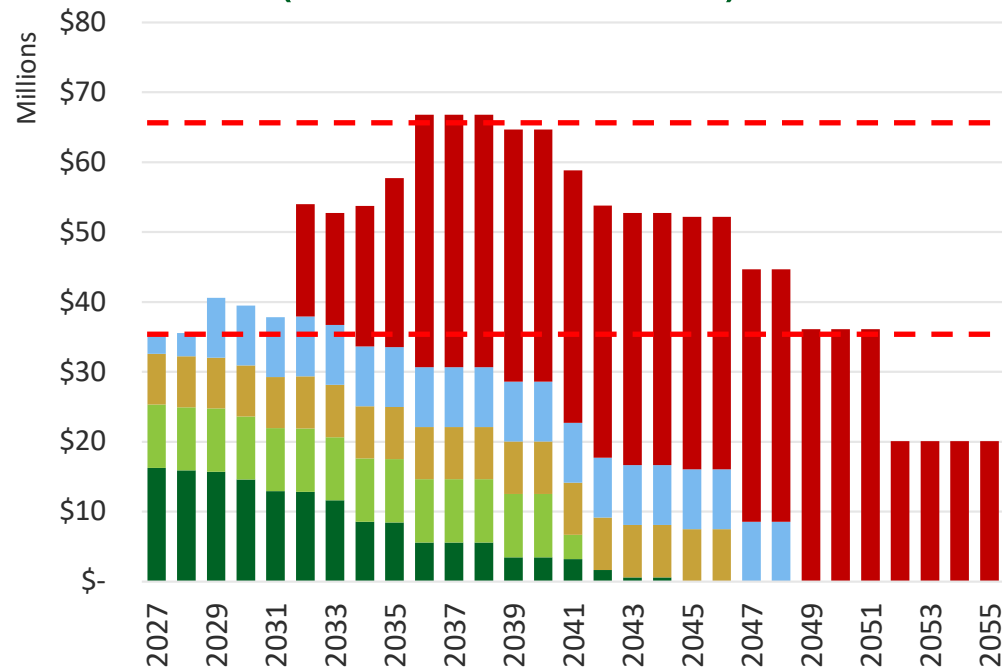


Debt Service Projections – If we do NOT approve local option sales tax



- Plus Phases III & IV projected debt service funded from General Fund Revenues.

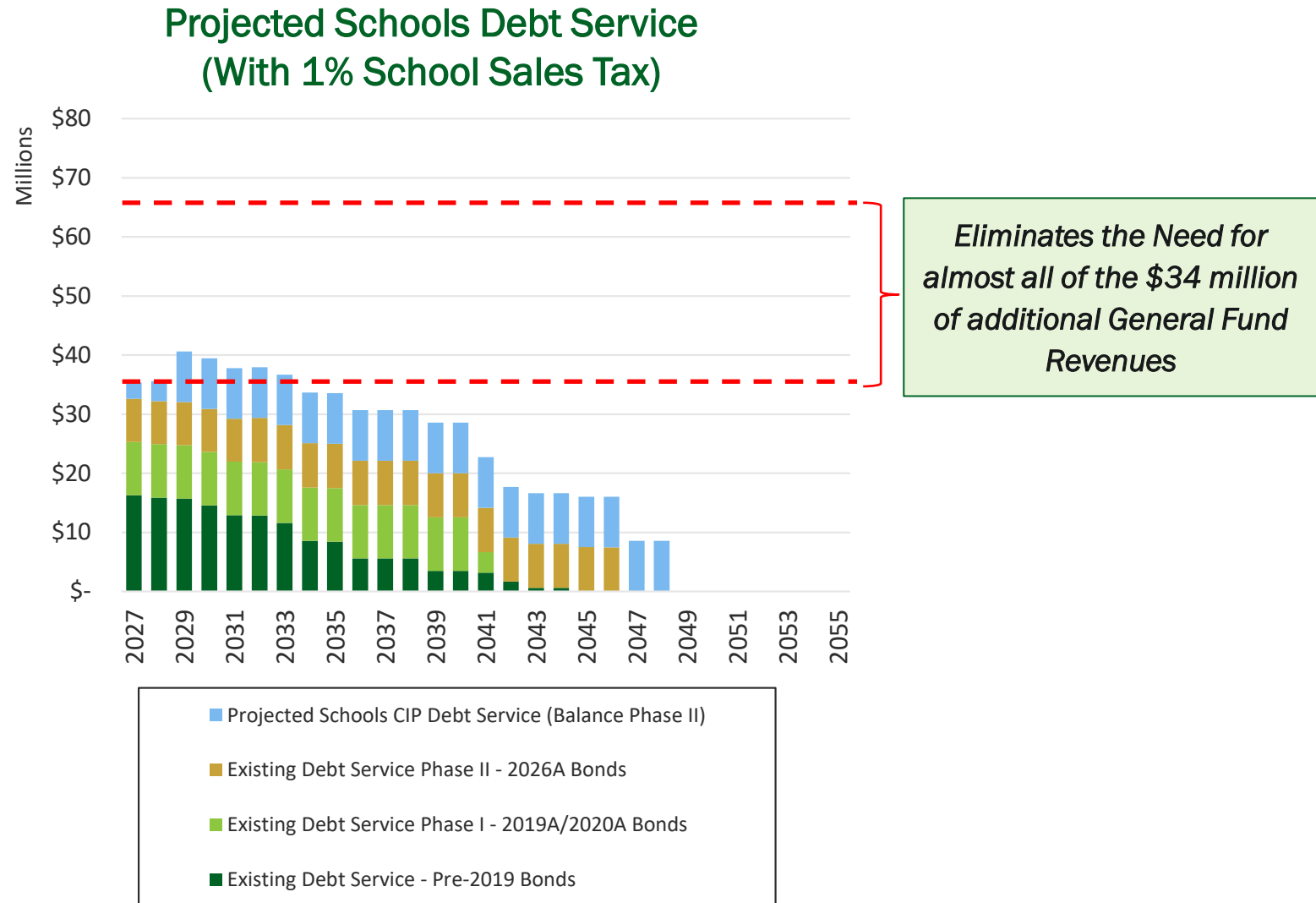
Projected Schools Debt Service – All Phases (Without 1% Sales Tax)





Debt Service Projection – 1% local option sales tax approved

- *Phases III & IV debt service now funded entirely from 1% School Sales Tax.*



Addendums

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July 24, 2026



What Does the City's Multi-Year CIP Fund?

- The city of Richmond (the “City”) has and will continue to use General Obligation Bonds to fund some or all of the following project purposes over time:
 - School New Construction and Renovations (HVAC, Roofs, Facility Upgrades, etc.);
 - Justice Center;
 - Court Facilities;
 - E911 Communications System;
 - Streets, Sidewalks, Bridges;
 - Parks and Recreation Facilities;
 - Community Centers;
 - Fire and Police Stations; and
 - Other General Projects that may arise from time-to-time.



Background

- The City established a 20-year \$800 million School Capital Investment Program consisting of four (4) Phases.
 - This Program provided funding for new school construction every 5 years and planned to be financed with the City’s General Obligation (G.O.) Bonds.

- Phases I & II have already been funded (e.g., \$350 million of the \$800 million).

- Funding for Phase I Bond Debt Service has been provided by 20% of the Meals Tax (approximately 1.5% of the 7.5% Meals Tax Rate).

- Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of the funding for Phase II Bond Debt Service has been provided by other General Fund Revenues and is currently incorporated into the City’s FY 2027 Budget.
 - However, the balance of Phase II Bond Debt Service (approximately \$7.5 million) will come from future General Fund revenue growth.

- Phases III and IV have yet to be funded and will rely on future General Fund revenue growth.



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