Surtax Basics

The discretionary sales surtax is a one-cent tax used to invest in capital improvement projects for the County, School District and municipalities.

The one-cent surtax is applied to the first \$5,000 of any single taxable item at the time of purchase.



Surtax History



June 1989 Surtax Phase I approved by voter referendum

November 1997 Surtax Phase II approved by voter referendum



November 2007 Surtax Phase III approved by voter referendum September 2009

Surtax Phase III collections begin



December 2024

Surtax Phase III expires Total projected Phase III revenue: \$1.2 billion



Revenue Allocation

75%

Sarasota County & Municipalities (Allocated by Formula)



25% Sarasota County School District

Surtax IV Preparation

Phase III Update

List of capital project investments under the Surtax III Program

Phase IV Project List Development

- Staff project recommendations
- Public outreach
- Neighborhood workshops
- Online surveys

Phase IV Referendum Coordination Team

- Sarasota County
- Sarasota County School District
- City of North Port
- City of Sarasota
- City of Venice
- Town of Longboat Key



ENROLLMENT AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

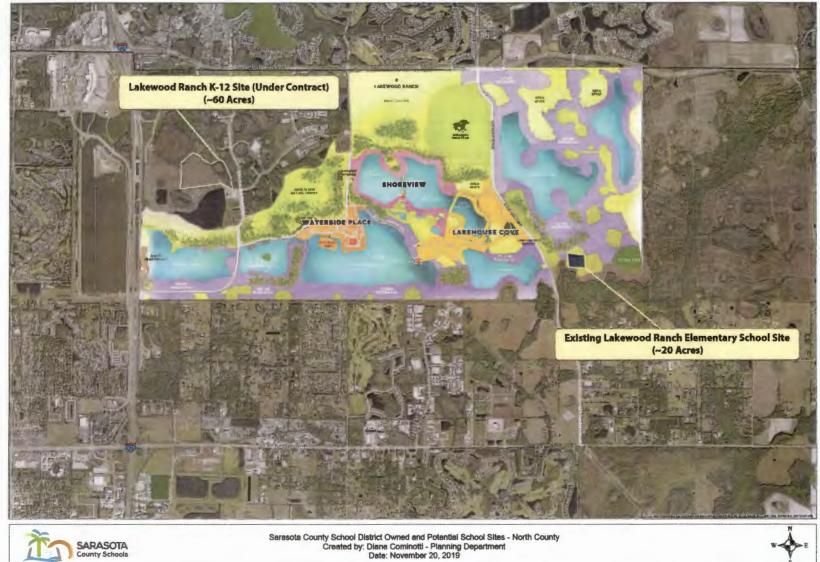
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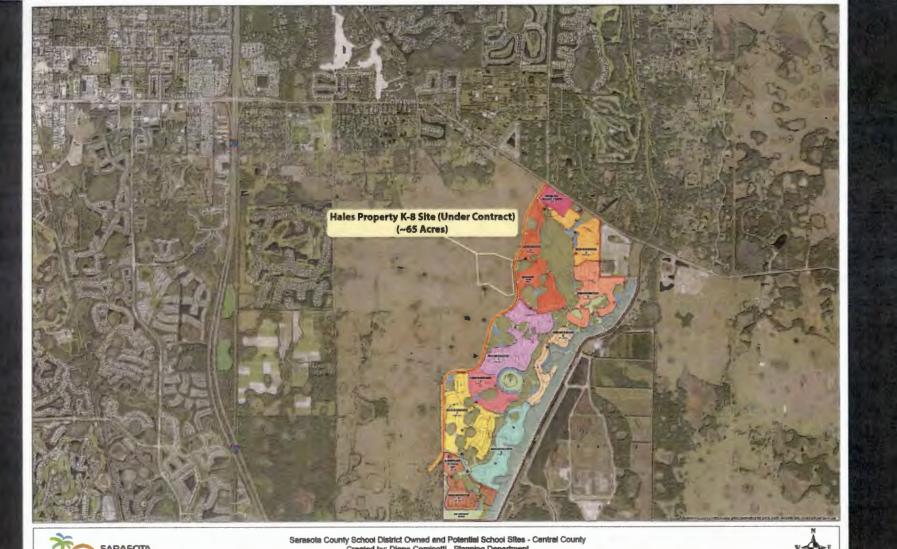
NORTH COUNTY SCHOOL CAPACITY

School	Capacity	19/20 Enrollment
Tatum Ridge Elementary	761	669
McIntosh Middle	1295	736
Booker High	1535	1286



CENTRAL COUNTY SCHOOL CAPACITY

School	Capacity	19/20 Enrollment
Ashton Elementary	734	1087
Lakeview Elementary	594	658
Sarasota Middle	1406	1234





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Serasota County School District Owned and Potential School Sites - Central County Created by: Diane Cominotti - Pfanning Department Date: November 20, 2019

SOUTH COUNTY SCHOOL CAPACITY

School	Capacity	19/20 Enrollment
Taylor Ranch Elementary	781	805
Venice Middle	1166	811
Venice High	2096	2279







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