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## 1 Mill Referendum Information

**Why should teachers and paraprofessionals vote “yes”?** Teachers will earn an average increase of \$5,800 each year the 1 mill is in place, and paras will earn an average of \$2,400 each year.\* That is a good reason to vote “yes”.

\*Amounts will vary based on the number of teachers/paras employed and the amount generated by the 1 mill.

### **Is MEA supporting the 1 Mill?**

Yes, MEA is recommending a “yes” vote.

### **What guarantees do teachers and paras have that they will receive the money promised?**

MEA negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that spells out exactly how money will be allocated to teachers and paras from the referendum money if the 1 Mill passes. Unlike the money from the Legislature the 1 Mill money has to be spent per the ballot question and the MOU.



## **Early Voting Begins Soon**

March 10<sup>th</sup>- March 17<sup>th</sup>

Supervisor of Elections' Office  
600 301 Blvd. W., Suite 118

Or

Longboat Key Town Hall  
501 Bay Isles Rd.  
Longboat Key

### **Voting Day**

Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## Teachers and Paras Can Vote During the Duty Day

### **Article V, Section 2**

**8. Banking and Voting:** The principal may permit teachers to conduct banking business on paydays and vote on election days during non-student contact time as long as students are not left unsupervised and school sign out and sign in procedures are followed. Any teacher may have the reason for denial of this benefit reviewed by the Superintendent, upon request.



### **Best and Brightest Update**

We have been informed that Best and Brightest Scholarship and Bonus payments will be made in the March 25<sup>th</sup> pay checks.