

# COUNTY SCHOOLS FACILITY SALES TAX

## What is the Facility Tax?

Since 2007, Illinois voters have had the option to approve a 1% County Schools Facility Tax (commonly known as a sales tax), to help improve school facilities.

## What gets taxed?

Items that are currently subject to sales tax would also be subject to the CSFT (no new items are taxed). Some items are exempt from the CSFT.

## What is exempt from CSFT?

Groceries      Medicine      Vehicles  
 RV's            ATV's            Mobile Homes  
 Boats            Farm Equipment and Inputs

## How can money be used?

- Additions and Renovations to Current Facilities
- Improve School Safety and Security
- Construct New School Facilities
- Payoff Facility Debt and Reduce Property Tax

*Money may NOT pay salaries, supplies, books*

## Impact Cost Examples with CSFT Applied

\$100 Groceries	No increase
\$35 Gas	35 cents increase
\$13,000 Car	No increase
\$8 Fast Food	8 cents increase
\$40 Medicine	No increase
\$600 TV	\$6 increase
\$200,000 Tractor	No increase



## How much money would Salt Fork receive if implemented?

Each school district in the county would receive a portion of sales tax money that is based on student enrollment. The most recent projection for Salt Fork is as follows:



**\$372,000 New Money  
Every Year**



## How would Salt Fork use the money?

The Salt Fork school board has identified three major priorities for new CSFT. Money would be allocated if approved by voters.

### Priority #1: Freeze the Property Tax Rate

By using CSFT money to pay for facility repairs and renovations, the district can freeze the current property tax rate. The district would focus on doing facility projects on a "pay-as-you-go" basis to avoid having to sell bonds and increase the property tax rate.

### Priority #2: Facility Upgrades

The money brought in from the CSFT would go towards improving facilities, such as:

- Improving heating systems and installing air conditioning throughout the district
- Finishing the roof at the South Campus
- Repairing and expanding parking at the North Campus
- Improving drainage at the North Campus
- Installing energy-efficient windows throughout the district

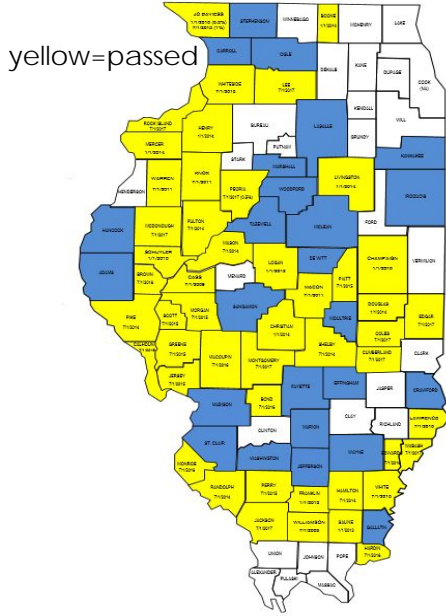
### Priority #3: Improve Opportunities

Ultimately improving opportunities for our students is a priority for the district. The following is a tentative plan for how CSFT revenue could be used to accomplish this goal:

- Upgrade technology infrastructure to support an increase in educational technology
- Update science labs
- Purchase new playground equipment

**49 of 102 Counties  
Passed CSFT**

Champaign Co. began the CSFT in 2010, resulting in major school facility improvements since implementation.



**What voters will see on  
the March 20th ballot**

*Shall a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a "sales tax") be imposed in The County of Vermilion, Illinois, at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?*

Voters will be asked to vote "Yes" or "No"

A simple majority of votes cast is required for passage



**Voting Information**

March 20, 2018, is a general election. You may register to vote at the Vermilion County Courthouse or online at [ova.elections.il.gov](http://ova.elections.il.gov). Early voting begins February 8. If you have voting questions, contact the Vermilion County Clerk at 554-1915.



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Facility Tax  
(CSFT)**

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