



## Commissioner David Sharpe

### WHAT

- Around 6.7% pay increase for educators in Hamilton County.
- Referendum for the voters of Hamilton County to decide.
- Placed on the March 3rd, 2020 ballot for a vote of the people.

### WHEN

- Resolution introduced on Wednesday, October 8th, 2019 Commission meeting.
- Must be approved by a majority vote of the County Commission to be placed on the ballot
  - *Soonest meeting where it could be passed: October 16th, 2019*

### HOW

- Raise for educators to be funded by a \$60 tax on registered vehicles.
- Example: a projected 285,800 vehicles registered (when accounting for exemptions) in Hamilton County this would equal about **\$17,148,000 in revenue**.
- Revenue to be used exclusively for increasing compensation by approximately 6.7% for educators.
  - *During the previous budget debate representatives for educators asked for a 10% increase.*
  - *Dr. Johnson's FY2020 budget provided for a 5% increase.*

### EXAMPLES

- **For a teacher** making \$40,000 per year a 6.7% increase will equal about \$2,680 dollars more per year or about \$51.53 more per week.
- **For a part-time food service employee** who starts at \$9.55 per hour, it will mean about \$18.39 more per week (standard part-time work week of 28.75 hours).

### Comment From Commissioner David Sharpe:

*"The people of Hamilton County should have a say in how much we pay our educators, that is why I am offering this resolution. I feel strongly that our educators - the teachers, principles, counselors, and others - who work hard every day to educate and uplift our children are vital to the success of Hamilton County. Our schools have shown tremendous improvements and It is important that we remain competitive in what we pay our education workforce. I trust the voters of our community to decide this issue for themselves."*

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