



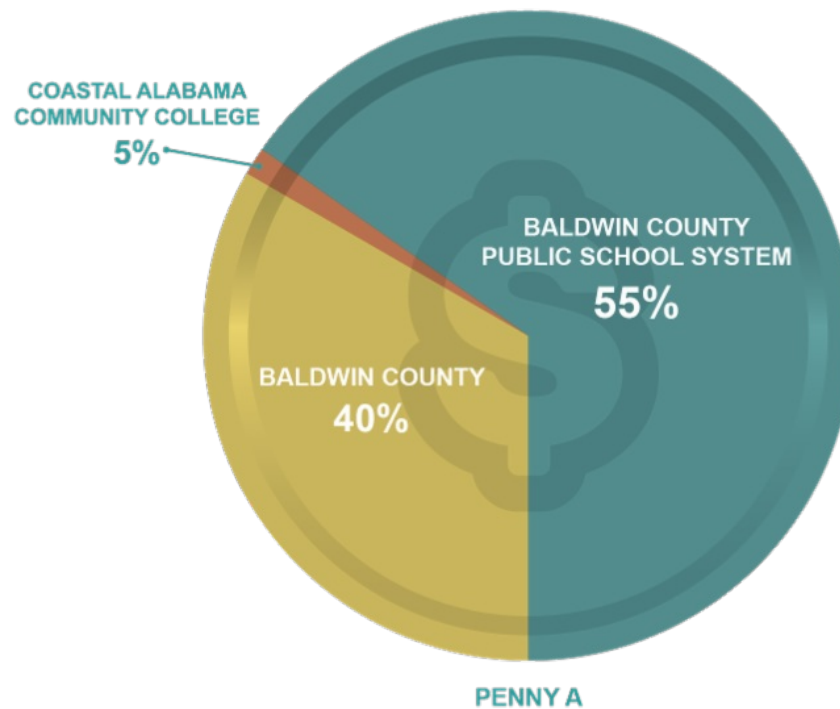
May 2017 Community Newsletter

Two separate sales taxes involved in the tax deal for Baldwin County Schools

Questions and misinformation have been circulating concerning the reallocation of a penny sales tax awaiting legislative approval.

To clarify, there are TWO separate penny sales taxes involved: one enacted by the County Commission in 1984 (reference as Penny A) and another approved by voters in 2010 and reauthorized in 2012 (reference as Penny B).

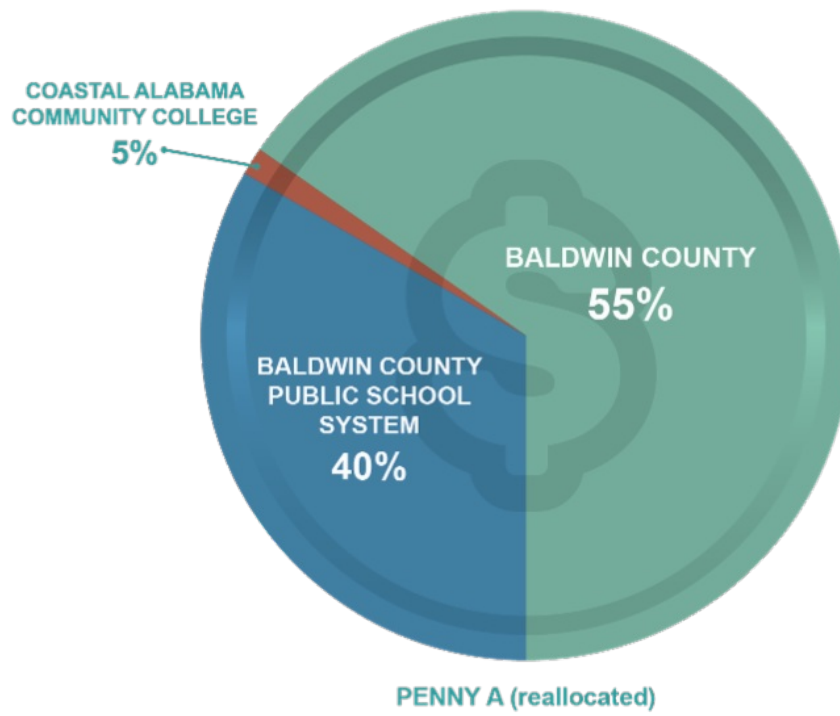
Penny A was enacted by the County Commission in 1984 (no election by voters was held). Currently, the Baldwin County Public School System receives 55% of Penny A, the county receives 40%, and Coastal Alabama Community College receives 5%.



Voters approved Penny B in March 2010 and reauthorized in November 2012 with a sunset of May 2018. Baldwin County Public Schools receive 100% of Penny B.

The unanimous vote by the Baldwin County Commission in January 2017 will in essence permanently extend Penny B beginning June 1, 2018 after it sunsets May 31, 2018.

Part of the negotiated deal (to make Penny B permanent) was to reallocate Penny A: Baldwin County Public School System would receive 40% and the county would receive 55%; Coastal Alabama Community College would still receive 5%. The proposed reallocation requires - and is still awaiting - legislative approval.



Based on 2016 sales tax revenues, Baldwin County Public Schools revenue would decrease by approximately \$5 million. However, with the continued growth in the economy, and sales tax revenue for 2017 already above 2016, it's very likely to be much less. The County Commission would use the additional revenue (approximately \$5 million) from the reallocation for infrastructure.

The vote to permanently extend Penny B will not be affected should the legislature fail to approve the proposed reallocation of Penny A.

Whether or not you agree with the negotiated deal to reallocate Penny A, the vote by the County Commission to permanently extend Penny B has finally **stabilized funding** for Baldwin County Schools and saved hundreds of teachers and support staff from losing their jobs. **Adequate funding** is still a challenging topic we'll save for another day!

How does Baldwin County Public School System compare?

The Alabama Association of School Boards (AASB) released a new School System Snapshot tool, which provides an individualized look at each system's state and local resources - funding and spending. See how Baldwin County Public School System compares to other county systems in the state.

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