## JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

General Fund Revenue Trends & Sources Capital Projects Funding - Bonding Capacity

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# State Management Audit Findings & Recommendations Excerpt from April 2018 letter from then Interim Commission of Education, Wayne D. Lewis, Jr.

Operational Support (reference to revenue options)

### Page 4:

"The audit process included an on-site review, investigation and analysis of the operations of the school district. The district cannot meet facility needs without additional funding. During the onsite review in April 2017, there was a clear lack of understanding among the members of the JCPS board regarding options to generate additional revenue. During my April 2018 visit, I determined that board members had greater awareness of regarding revenue options, but the district has not developed a plan to utilize current bonding capacity to address critical capital projects."

### Page 5:

"The JCPS board did not approve the 4% tax rate during the first year of the former Superintendent's tenure. According to the district's calculations, this negatively impacted the district's resources at the rate of \$16 million per year and will continue to do so for every year after that."

"The JCPS board has not adopted an additional "nickel" tax to address aging facilities. Interviews during the April 2017 onsite review indicated an apparent lack of understanding about the current bonding potential of the district to address facility needs. .... During my April 2018 visit, board members showed greater understanding of the nickel tax, with some board members expressing a willingness to consider it in the future; but there does not yet appear to be a plan for generating additional revenue to address some of the district's pressing capital needs."

### Local Taxes – Board Authority KRS 160.455

#### 1. Property Taxes – KRS 160.470

#### **Real Estate:**

- 1979 House Bill 44 provides options of three possible rates
  - <u>Compensating Rate</u> Using current year tax assessments excluding new construction, this rate yields same projected revenue as last year.
  - Subsection (1) Rate rate that will produce no more revenue than the previous years maximum rate.
  - 4 Percent Increase Tax Rate rate that produces 4% revenue growth above the Compensating Rate.
  - Recallable Additional Tax Rate above the 4% revenue increase rate
- 1990 House Bill 940 (KRS 157.440) KERA authorization

Motor Vehicle – JCPS 58.5 cents per \$100

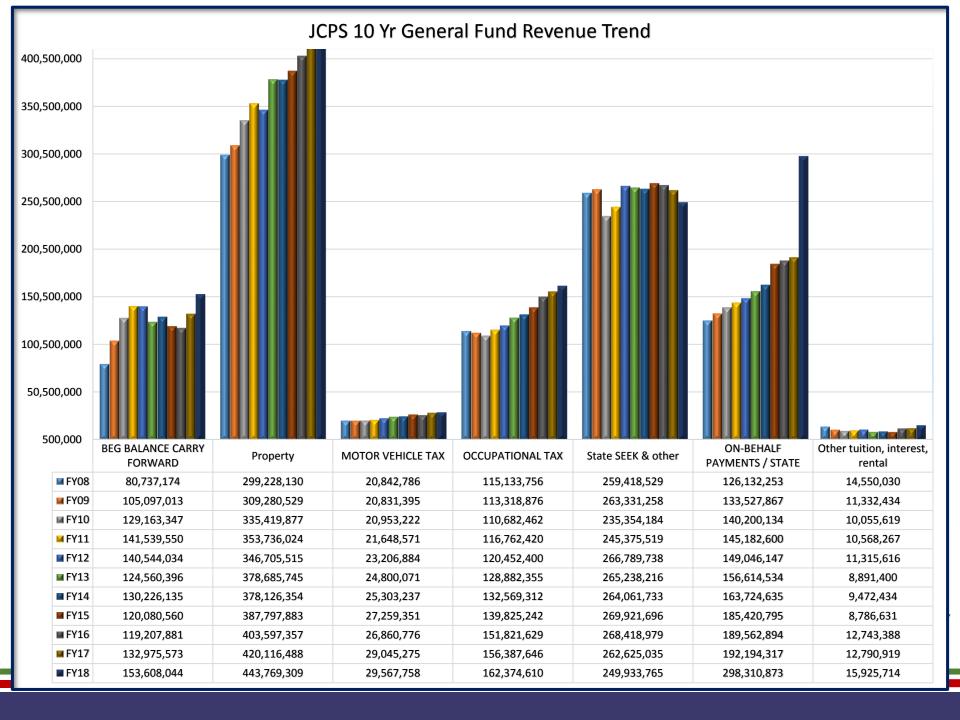
Nickel Taxes - Five cent equivalent (FSPK), Recallable, Growth Nickel, Equalized Growth

- All 173 districts include the FSPK five cent equivalent in their tax levy
- 106 out of 173 districts have no additional nickel, (Growth, Recallable, BRAC, or Category 5)
- Recallable for JCPS would generate \$37.9 million restricted for capital projects

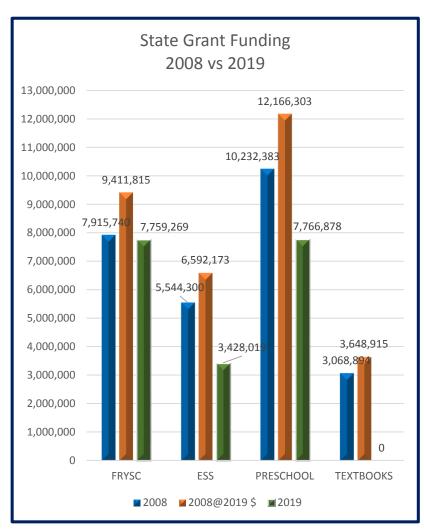
#### 2. Permissive Taxes – KRS 160.593

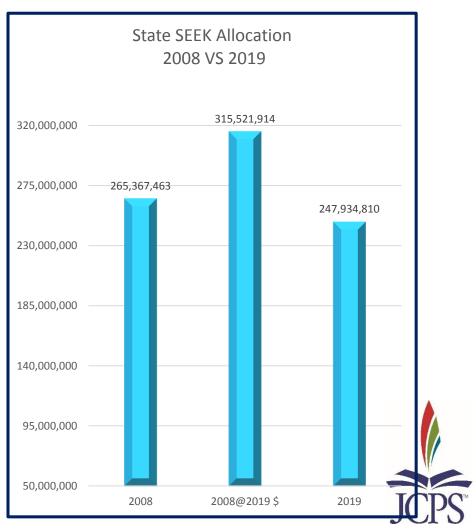
- Occupational Taxes (0.5% or 0.75%) KRS 160.605
- Utility Gross Receipts (3% maximum) KRS 160.613
  - for JCPS would generate estimated \$35 million to the General Fund with no restriction
  - 14 out of 173 districts do not levy the Utility tax
- Excise Tax (no district currently levies this tax) KRS 160.621
- Items in red are additional revenue options not currently levied in JCPS

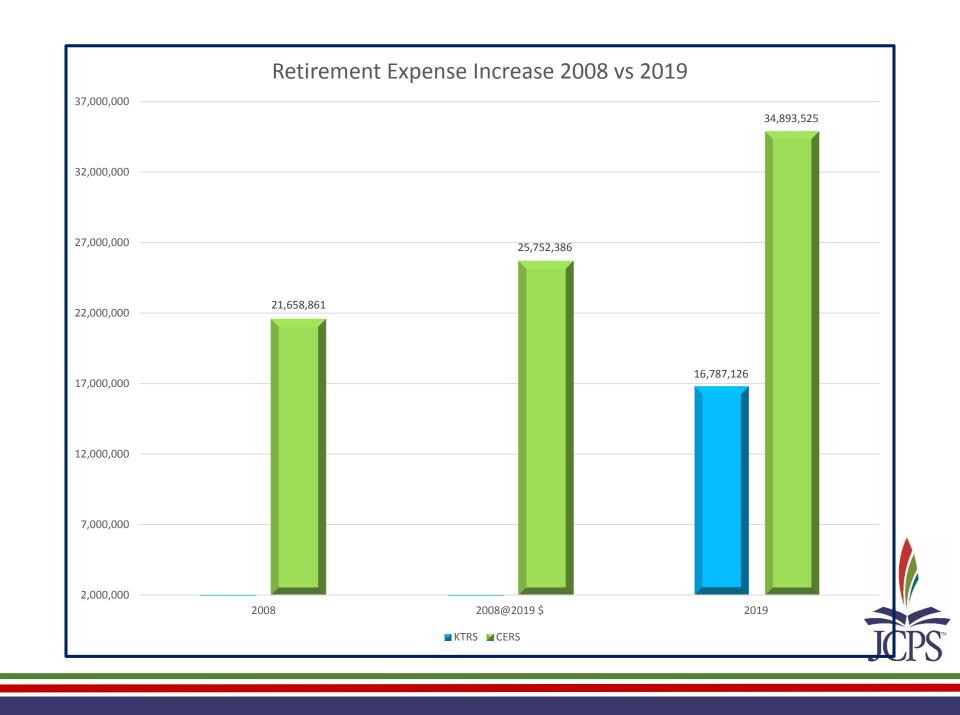




### State Funding Comparison







### Bonding Capacity – Restricted Fund Sources

Capital Outlay - \$100 per Student ADA - \$8.6 million (80% - \$6.9 million)

Local Nickel (FSPK) – 5 cents times property assessment - \$37.9 million Growth Nickel (JCPS does not qualify) Recallable Nickels (JCPS has not levied)

### State Equalization (FSPK) –

Tier One Funding – state equalizes at 150% of the statewide average per pupil assessment. Provided to districts typically with less property wealth. JCPS rarely qualifies for this equalization. Current State Equalization is \$834,000 per pupil assessment. JCPS per pupil assessment is \$879,372.

### SFCC – (Offers of Assistance)

Based on district unmet need divided by total of all districts unmet need. Allocation provided by legislators normally each biennium during the budget session. Each offer provides bond debt payment for 20 years.

(FSPK – Facilities Support Program Kentucky) (SFCC – School Facilities Construction Commission)

### **Bonding Capacity - Today**

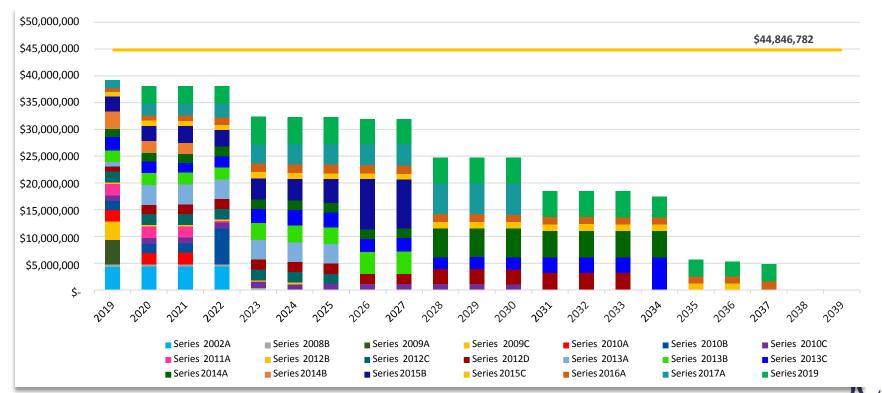
### Bonding Summary (11):

	Bonding Source	Bonding Amount
Local		\$234,660,000
Total		\$234,660,000

### **Bondable Revenues** (2):

Restricted State and Local Revenue Sources (FY 2019-2039)			
Local Nickel (\$75,886,222,263 x .0005)	\$37,943,111		
Capital Outlay (\$100 x 86,295.887 x 80%)	6,903,671		
Total	\$44,846,782		

### **Annual District Debt Service:**



<sup>(1)</sup> Assumes current market rate estimates, a closing date of June 15, 2019

<sup>(2)</sup> Current bondable revenues are based on 2018-19 Final SEEK Calculations and an FSPK equalization rate of \$417

# Additional Nickels, Utility and Occupational Tax Rates Levied

