

Vote YES on Nov. 8 for a unified Valdosta-Lowndes County school system. It's the right decision. Vote YES to make a historic first step that will help improve public education.



Vote **YES** because our community can do better. Our public schools are not good enough. The facts say so. Test scores and graduation rates are average or below average in a state that ranks among the lowest in the country for quality of education.

Vote **YES** for a unified school system that has **ONE** focus for all students. More support for teachers. More parental involvement. More diversity.

People ask why a unified Valdosta-Lowndes County School system is better than a divided school system. Here are some reasons to vote **YES** on November 8:

- It will combine our resources so successful programs (i.e. VECA, IB and Pre-K) can be expanded
 where all eligible children can benefit and school leaders can develop and implement career
 academies and magnet schools.
- It will enable more **financial support** from foundations and the private sector.
- It will **unite everyone behind one school system** so our community can implement programs to help **build a better qualified workforce**, which is key to attracting jobs to our community.
- It will mean our tax dollars will be spent more efficiently and duplication eliminated.
- It will help stabilize property values in Valdosta and encourage growth and residential development within the city limits of Valdosta.
- It will improve the likelihood that our community has the necessary resources and support to fund a third high school.
- It will **improve diversity in our public schools!** This means our children can attend schools that reflect the realities of our world and ensures they have equal access to educational opportunities.

One unified, focused school system is **BETTER** than two!



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