

Brevard schools get OK to spend impact fees on debt

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The Brevard School District has received the go-ahead to use \$8.3 million in impact fees collected by the county to [help](#)

[pay off debt](#) from various school construction projects.

Brevard County commissioners on Tuesday unanimously approved the plan to allocate [educational](#)

[facilities impact fees](#) collected from July 1, 2011, to April 30, 2013. Previously, the plan had been unanimously approved by the Brevard School Board and by Educational Facilities Impact Fee Advisory Committees within four areas of the county.

Dane Theodore, the Brevard [School](#)

[District's](#) director of planning and project management, said he would provide the county a comprehensive accounting of how much money was used to pay debt on each project involved.

The continued collection of school impact fees on residential construction projects became an issue on the County Commission after the Brevard School Board voted to close four [schools](#)

[in the last two years.](#)

At a joint meeting last month of the Brevard County Commission and the Brevard School Board, members agreed to commission a study on school impact fees.

School district officials said, if they didn't get the \$8.3 million in fees to make debt payments for this school year and next year, they would have had to cut some maintenance projects from the [budget](#)

[to free up money](#) to pay the debt.

The county collects school impact fees of \$4,445.40 for a detached single-family home; \$2,794.25 for an attached residence, such as a condominium, townhome or apartment unit; and \$2,667.24 for a manufactured or mobile home