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## Hike proposed for schools impact fee

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OCALA - The School Board agreed at a workshop Thursday to raise impact fees used to build schools by 3.6 percent, though the group must vote on the hike at an official board meeting before the proposal is sent to the County Commission for final approval.

The impact fee, which is paid by a new home buyer for school improvements, is expected to rise by \$142 to \$4,109 for single family homes, by \$78 to \$2,244 for multi-family dwellings and by \$124 to \$3,585 for mobile homes.

The hike is based on the fact that the cost of construction index has risen by 5.1 percent and the land cost index has declined by 1.5 percent. The end result was the need for a 3.6 percent increase.

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