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Martin schools OK impact-fee hike for new homes

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The Martin County School Board on Tuesday approved an increase in impact fees that could tack on about \$3,000 to the cost of building a new single-family home in the county.

The increase, the second in about two years, would more than triple the fee for a new house, which is about \$1,467 now.



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A consultant for the school board has said the district's current fee schedule wouldn't keep up with the county's continuing growth and the state's class-size reduction law.

Impact fees are one-time charges on new construction to help pay for new schools, roads and government buildings.

It could take at least several more months before the new fees take effect because they must be approved by the Martin County Commission.

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