E-SPLOST and Troup County Schools!

What is an ESPLOST? Education Special Purpose Location Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) allows local school districts the option to ask voters for the ability to levy and collect a one percent sales and use tax to help fund school improvements. ESPLOST funds can be used to pay for capital projects and retire debt, but cannot be used to pay maintenance and operating expenses, such as salaries and utilities.

Why an ESPLOST? The education sales tax is not a property tax. However, it provides property tax relief for this five year period using ESPLOST receipts, providing a method of funding the cost of educational improvements that everyone contributes to, not just property owners. Additionally, the sales tax is paid by everyone who shops or stays in Troup County, including our numerous visitors.

What is the projected amount to be collected? The ESPLOST is for approximately $59 million over a five year period.

Why should people who don't have kids in school support the ESPLOST extension? The ESPLOST helps to keep ad valorem taxes lower. Also, children are not the only ones who benefit from strong schools. The social and economic strength of a community is greatly influenced by its school district. Good schools often mean well-prepared citizens, a strong labor market, and an inviting atmosphere for other to live and work. Important decisions made by commercial or residential prospects looking to move into an area are greatly influenced by the quality of the schools in the community.

HCES Air Conditioning Unit

RES HVAC System

FFES Expansion

2014 School Buses

EKMS Roof Renovation

ESPLOST DOLLARS AT WORK IN TROUP COUNTY SCHOOLS....

SPLOST I

Original SPLOST I $44.2 Million (2.66 Mil. Reduction)
Actual SPLOST I Collections were $42,768,888
(July 1, 1997 – June 30, 2002)

◊ New Flooring – Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, Hogansville Elementary School, LaGrange High School, West Side Magnet School

◊ Relighting/Rewiring – Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, Hogansville Elementary School, LaGrange High School, West Side Magnet

◊ Food Service Renovations/Modifications – Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, Hogansville Elementary School, Whitesville Road Elementary School, West Side Magnet School

◊ Handicap Provisions/Modifications – Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, Hogansville Elementary School, LaGrange High School, West Side Magnet School

◊ HVAC – Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, Hogansville Elementary School, LaGrange High School, Whitesville Road Elementary School, West Side Magnet School

◊ New Doors/Windows – Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, Hogansville Elementary School, LaGrange High School, West Side Magnet School

◊ Parking/Paving – Hillcrest Elementary School, Long Cane Elementary School, Mountville Elementary School, Rosemont Elementary School, West Point Elementary School, Ethel Kight Magnet School, Berta Weathersbee Elementary School

◊ Classroom Additions/Modifications – West Side Magnet School, LaGrange High School, Troup High School, Whitesville Road Elementary School

HGVES Handicap Provisions

BWES New Door and Windows

Parking and Paving Project

SPLOST II

Projected SPLOST II Collections $45,913,609 (July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2007)
Actual SPLOST II Collections $ 46,097,254

Capital projects include new construction, modifications, renovations, paving, and technology.

◊ New Roof – Whitesville Road Elementary School, Unity Elementary School,

◊ Covered Walkways – LaGrange High School, Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, Whitesville Road Elementary School, Hillcrest Elementary School, Unity Elementary School, West Point Elementary

◊ Major Renovations – LaGrange High School, Hogansville Elementary School, Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, West Side Magnet School

◊ Stadium/Gym Improvements/Playground Improvements or Enhancements – Hogansville Elementary School, LaGrange High School, Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, West Side Magnet School, Whitesville Road Elementary School, Hillcrest Elementary School, Unity Elementary School, West Point Elementary School

◊ Paving – Hogansville Elementary School, Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, West Side Magnet School, Whitesville Road Elementary School, Hillcrest Elementary School

◊ Operations Center (Technology/Food Service/Custodial Services/Transportation/Maintenance) – Completed May 2003

◊ Troup High School Fine Arts Auditorium and Athletic Field House – Completed August 2003

◊ Callaway Middle School- Opened in Fall 2004

◊ Franklin Forest Elementary- Opened in August 2005

Paving Project

THS Fine Arts Center

LHS New Construction

FFES New School

CES New School

Bleachers

GNMS New Roof

WPES Classroom Addition/Expansion

SPLOST III

Projected SPLOST III Collections $55,459,704
Actual SPLOST III Collections $ 53,470,055
(July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2012)

◊ Callaway Elementary School – Opened August 2008

◊ New Carpet for ROTC Room, Technology Lab, and Band Room – Callaway High School

◊ Bathroom and Concession Improvements – Hogansville/ Hendrix Field

◊ Main Entrance Improvement – Hogansville Elementary School

◊ Paving Improvements – Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, Callaway High School, Gardner Newman Middle School, LaGrange High School, Troup High School

◊ GYM HVAC – Long Cane Middle School, Franklin Forest Elementary School, Callaway High School, Troup High School

◊ New Lighting in All School Gyms

◊ Cafeteria Renovation Completed Summer 2010 – LaGrange High School

◊ New Science Buildings E and F Occupied January 2010 – LaGrange High School

◊ Bleachers – Gardner Newman Middle School, Long Cane Middle School, Callaway High School, Callaway Middle School, Troup High School

◊ Baseball/Softball Field Lighting – Callaway Middle School, LaGrange High School, Troup High School

◊ Administrative Services Center Completed May 2008

◊ Industry Certified Automotive Lab – Troup High School

◊ Classroom Additions and Media Center Expansion Completed August 2007– West Point Elementary School

◊ Fencing Improvements – Mountville Elementary School

◊ New Roof – Gardner Newman Middle School

◊ Transportation – Five New Buses

◊ Purchased 4,175 Desktop Computers and 136 Laptop Computers

SPLOST IV

Projected SPLOST IV Collections $59,058,827

(July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2017)

Phase I (Bonded) $30,000,000

◊ Renovation and Expansion– Existing Elementary, Middle and High schools

◊ Kitchen Updates Include But Are Not Limited To (Based on Age of Equipment and Student Enrollment) – West Point Elementary , Hogansville Elementary, Rosemont Elementary

◊ Renovations at Troup High School, Renovations at Callaway High School, New Field House Construction at Callaway High; Renovations/Expansion at Elementary Schools, Rezoning Needs at Franklin Forest Elementary and Callaway Elementary

◊ Technology Upgrades and Additions– Technology Upgrade of Classroom Computers, Software, and Printers

◊ Equipment / Software Replacement/Upgrades – Textbooks, School Furniture Replacements and Additions

◊ Copier Replacements – Troup High, Rosemont, Callaway Middle, Franklin Forest Elementary, Transportation, Callaway Elementary, LaGrange High, ASC Title I

◊ HVAC Replacement/Renovations (Matched by State Capital Outlay Funds) Include But Are Not Limited To – Hillcrest**,** Long Cane Elementary, Rosemont, Mountville, and LaGrange High Gym

◊ Roofing Replacement / Renovations (Matched by State Capital Outlay Funds) Include But Are Not Limited To – Hillcrest, Long Cane Elementary, Rosemont, Mountville, Ethel Kight, Hogansville, LaGrange High, and Burwell Fort Drive Facility

Phase II ($25,275,000)

◊ Expansion and Renovation– Existing Elementary, Middle and High Schools; Includes Multiple Elementary School Kitchen Updates (Based on Age of Equipment and Student Enrollment)

◊ Renovations/Expansions– Franklin Forest and Callaway Elementary Rezoning Needs

◊ Technology Upgrades and Additions – Network/Servers Upgrades and Promethean Board Additions

◊ Equipment / Software Replacements/Upgrades – Bus Purchases, Finance, and Human Resources Software

◊ Flooring Replacements / Renovations / Paving Improvements / Land Purchases– Rezoning Expansion Needs

◊ Physical Education Improvements Include But Not Limited To – Whitesville Road Track (Shared Project with Troup County Recreation); LaGrange High Track (Shared Project with Troup County Recreation)

◊ Callaway Stadium Turf (Shared Project with Troup County Recreation/LaGrange College)

◊ Debt Service $ 3,783,827

Carpet Replacement

CES Classroom Expansion

Technology Upgrade

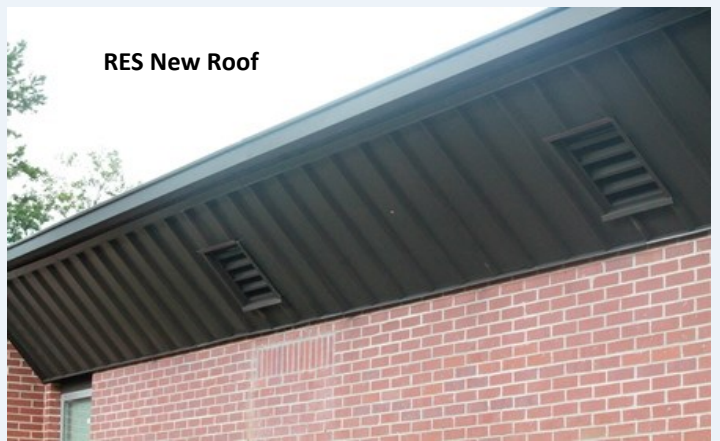CHS Multi-purpose Athletic Facility

Painting Project

New Floors

Copier Replacements

Server Upgrade

RES New Roof

Paving/Parking Project

New Books