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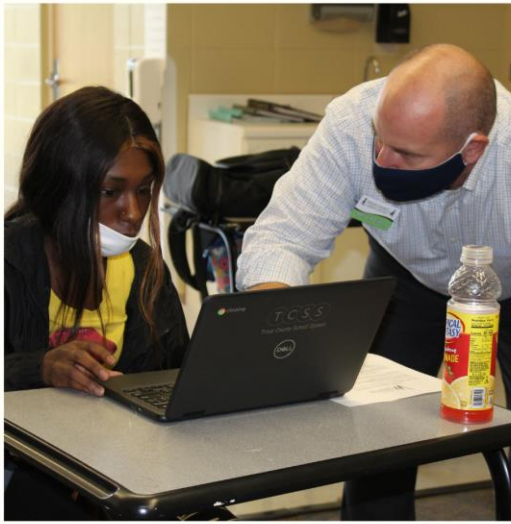
Education SPLOST

*What it is
*How it will shape education in Troup County for the next five years

*Pre-covid photos are included in this informational presentation.



Understanding Education SPLOST

- E-SPLOST: **E**ducation **S**pecial **P**urpose **L**ocal **O**ption **S**ales **T**ax
- Not a new tax
- A one percent **continuation** on standard county-wide sales tax
- Goes directly to education capital outlay projects

*Alternative to E-SPLOST is school bonds which increase property tax and/or dramatically decrease school system budgets.

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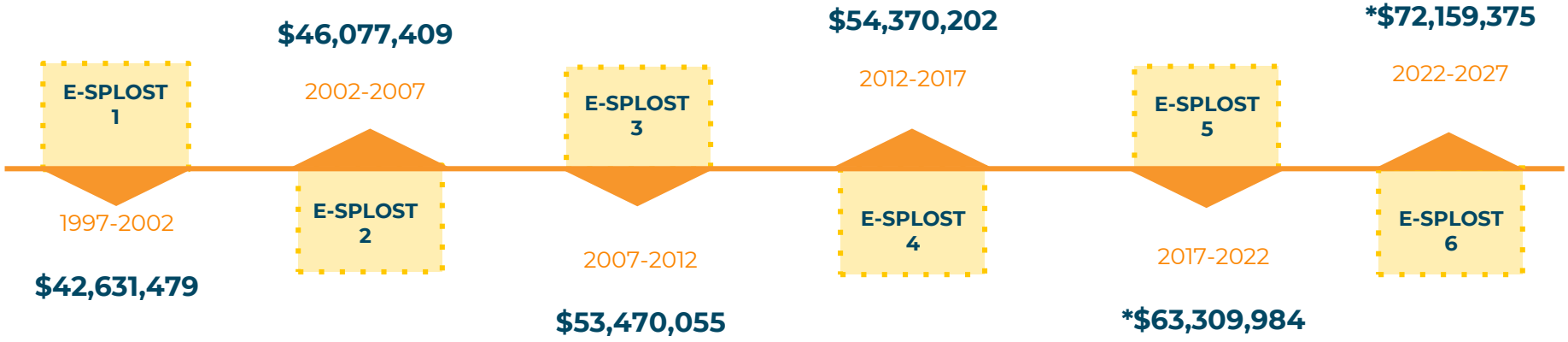
E-SPLOST TIMELINE



*Estimated investment

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How are funds allocated?

Capital Expenses

- Renovations
- Construction
- Technology
- Safety Equipment
- Buses
- Land

*Some supplemental funds provided by state

Operational Expenses

- Salaries (including teachers)
- Instructional materials
- Fuel
- Utility Bills

*Funding provided through local property taxes and state allocations.

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INDIRECT Impact on Operations

Without

Operation funds would be diverted to fund expensive capital and maintenance projects:

REDUCING AVAILABLE FUNDS

With

Funds used to increase energy efficiency or reduce maintenance on aging facilities.

INCREASING AVAILABLE FUNDS

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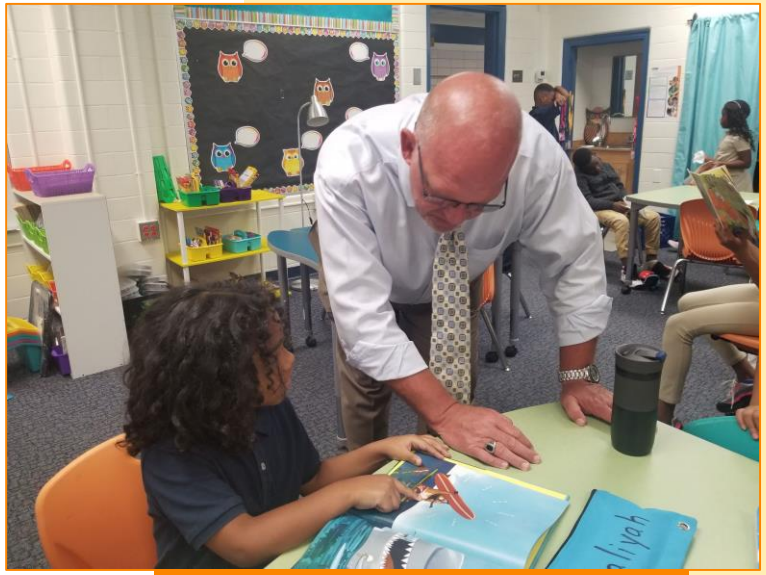
E-SPLOST Investment Advantages

- Estimated **30% - 40%** of funds collected **from consumers** who reside **outside of Troup County**
- **Diversify tax burden** from property tax payers to all citizens
- **Predictable** revenue generation
- School bonds are more expensive and less flexible



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E-SPLOST Effect on Property Taxes

Education SPLOST	Dates July 1 – June 30	Amount Raised	Millage Increase to Raise Equivalent Funds
1	1997 to 2002	$42.7 Million	4.495 Mills
2	2002 to 2007	$46 Million	4.842 Mills
3	2007 to 2012	$55.4 Million	5.832 Mills
4	2012 to 2017	$59 Million (projected)	6.211 Mills
5	2017 to 2022	$68 Million (projected)	7.158 Mills

As a result of Education SPLOST's 1 – 5, TCSS has not had a millage rate for bonds since 1996.

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Prior Education SPLOST Investments

1997 - Today

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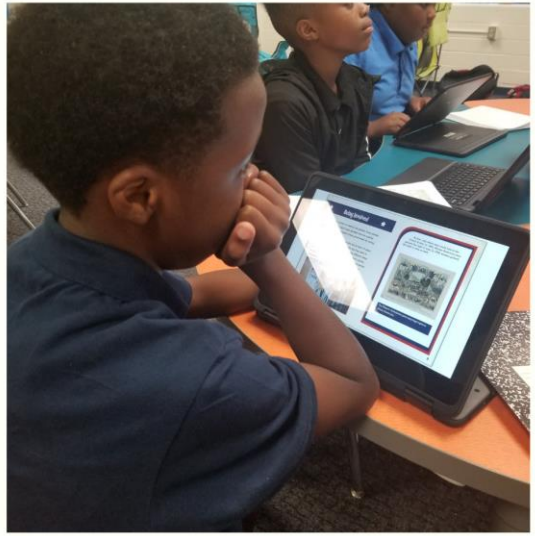
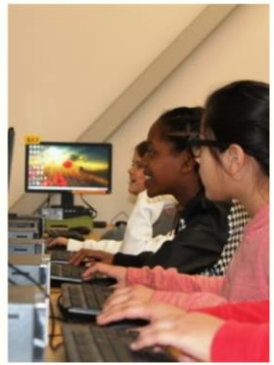
New Facilities

- Callaway Elementary School
- Callaway Middle School
- Callaway High School (bonded)
- Callaway High School (indoor practice facility)
- Clearview Elementary School
- Ethel W. Kight Elementary School
- Franklin Forest Elementary School
- LaGrange High School (expansion and new classrooms)
- LaGrange High School Athletic Facility
- Troup High School Athletic Facility
- Troup High School Fine Arts Auditorium

Technology

- More than doubled internet bandwidth
- Purchased over 1,500 new laptops and desktops
- Purchased 9000 Chromebooks
- Purchased and installed interactive projectors and speakers for all campuses
- Complete wireless connectivity throughout the district
- Data Center supporting school system
- School intercom systems
- Surveillance systems at all schools
- Access control systems at high schools



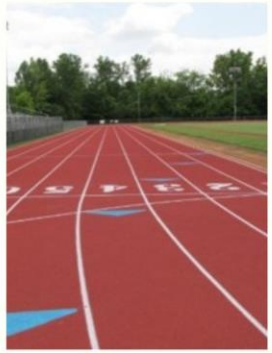


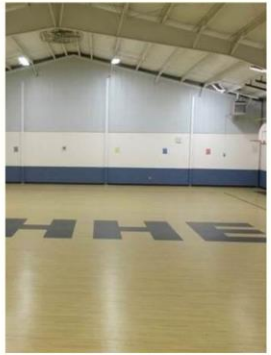
Efficiency Enhancements

- New roofs at multiple schools
- HVAC upgrades at multiple schools
- Energy Management Program has generated district savings of $5.3 million since 2010
- Repaving projects throughout system
- New gymnasium air conditioners at multiple schools
- School buses

Athletic Upgrades

- Resurfacing tracks at Granger Park and Chris Joseph Park
- New gym floors at Franklin Forest Elementary and Hollis Hand Elementary
- System-wide physical education updates
- Lights and bleachers at outdoor fields
- Callaway Middle School football field upgrades





Facility Upgrades

- Industry Certified Automotive Labs
- New flooring and paint refresh
- Main entrance improvements
- Classroom additions
- Media Center expansions

Security Upgrades

- Security barriers (all schools)
- Exterior camera systems
- Security entrance systems
- Additional interior cameras

Proposed Budget for Major E-SPLOST 6 Projects

Description	Estimated Cost (Millions)
New Construction	$42.25
Maintenance	$14.90
Renovations/Additions	$8.25
Technology	$7.61
Transportation	$5.00
Safety & Security	$2.30
Debt Service	$1.50
Estimated Total	**$81.81**

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Education SPLOST 6 Voting Date:

March 16, 2021

Early voting begins:
February 22, 2021

Early voting ends:
March 12, 2021

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Questions?

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Thanks!

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