## PROPOSED ESPLOST VI PROJECTS:

- A new Rosemont Elementary School
- A performing arts facility for Callaway High School
- A major overhaul of the LaGrange High School Auditorium
- Additions to Hogansville Elementary School
- Major renovations to West Point Elementary
- New school buses
- Additional technology infrastructure and student device access

For a complete list of projects, visit the Troup County School System website at www.troup.org

BY USING ESPLOST
DOLLARS FOR CAPITAL
EXPENSES, THE SCHOOL
SYSTEM CAN SET ASIDE
LARGER PORTIONS OF
FEDERAL AND STATE
FUNDING TO OPERATIONAL
EXPENSES.
THIS SIGNIFICANTLY
INCREASES FUNDS
AVAILABLE FOR THE
CLASSROOM.





## **ESPLOST VI WILL:**

- PROVIDE ACCESS TO MATERIALS
  AND UPDATED TECHNOLOGY TO
  ALL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS
- PROMOTE EQUITY IN ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- ✓ IMPROVE SAFETY AND SECURITY
- INVEST IN NEW SCHOOL BUSES WHICH ARE SAFE AND EFFICIENT
- CONTINUE TROUP COUNTY'S
  TRAJECTORY OF EXCELLENCE IN
  EDUCATION
- KEEP PROPERTY TAXES DOWN
  SINCE EVERYONE WHO SHOPS OR
  VISITS TROUP COUNTY PAYS
  SALES TAX, WHICH TAKES A HUGE
  BURDEN OFF OF PROPERTY
  OWNERS

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **ESPLOST** is:

- NOT a new sales tax
- An extension of the current sales tax
- A sales tax that is paid by everyone who shops in Troup County, including the millions of visitors we have every year
- An equitable way to provide modern, safe and secure school facilities for Troup County children and teachers
- A method to fund educational improvements that everyone contributes to, not just property owners

QUALITY SCHOOLS PROMOTE A
BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH WHICH
BENEFIT ALL RESIDENTS OF
TROUP COUNTY



ESPLOST VI VOTE TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

### FAQ'S

#### Is this a tax increase?

NO. The one cent sales tax is already in place so it is a *continuation* of the current penny for education for another five years. This will not change the existing sales or property tax for Troup County.

#### Why an ESPLOST?

ESPLOST is an equitable tax shared by those who make purchases in Troup County, including the millions of visitors we have every year. Thirty to 40% of ESPLOST revenues are paid by people who visit but do not live in Troup County.

#### How much money is collected from ESPLOST?

ESPLOST V is projected to bring in \$63 million before it expires in 2022. ESPLOST VI is projected to collect \$80 million.

#### Can ESPLOST be used for teacher salaries?

No. That would be against the law. ESPLOST can only be used for capital projects, like buildings, buses and computers. It cannot be used for salaries or day-to-day operational expenses.

#### Why an ESPLOST referendum now?

Under Georgia law, school districts may place a special referendum on the ballot in either March or November. The current ESPLOST will expire in 2022. By placing the continuation option before voters prior to the expiration, it allows the school system to plan in advance for funding and also allows no lapse in funding.

## GREAT SCHOOLS BENEFIT EVERYONE IN TROUP COUNTY







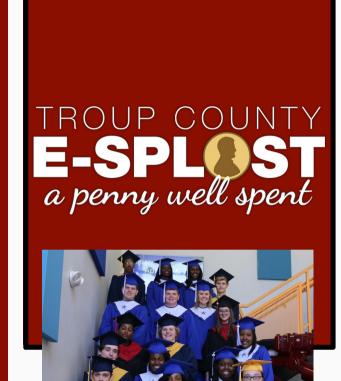




# PREVIOUS ESPLOST INVESTMENTS

- Callaway Elementary, Middle and
- High SchoolsLaGrange and Troup High Athletic
- Facilities
- Callaway High Indoor Practice Facility
- Franklin Forest Elementary School
- Troup High Performing Arts Center
- ♦ Clearview Elementary School
- ♦ Ethel W. Kight Elementary School
- ♦ THINC Academy
- ♦ Safety measures at each school Chromebooks for every student

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# ESPLOST VI REFERENDUM

March 16, 2021

Early voting Feb. 22 - March 12

