

# 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](http://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 Schools
- ✦ LaGrange 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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TROUP COUNTY  
**E-SPL****OST**  
*a penny well spent*



**ESPLOST VI  
REFERENDUM**

**March 16, 2021**

Early voting Feb. 22 - March 12