



Oconee County Schools

Sustained Excellence & Continuous Improvement

ELOST VI Communications

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What is ELOST?



Education Local Option Sales Tax (ELOST) is a 1% sales tax that can be used for the following school system costs:

- **Building projects**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Technology**



What type of tax is ELOST?



- **ELOST is a penny sales tax.**
- **ELOST is NOT a property tax.**
- **ELOST has been collected in Oconee County since 1998.**

ELOST V Project Recap

- Dove Creek Elementary School construction



ELOST V Project Recap

- Chromebooks for every student – making OCS at 1:1 school system



ELOST V Project Recap

- New buses with air conditioning



ELOST V Project Recap

- Oconee County High School
20-classroom addition



ELOST V Project Recap

- HVAC at North Oconee High School and Oconee County High School



ELOST V Project Recap

- Artificial turf, track, and lighting at North Oconee High School and Oconee County High School

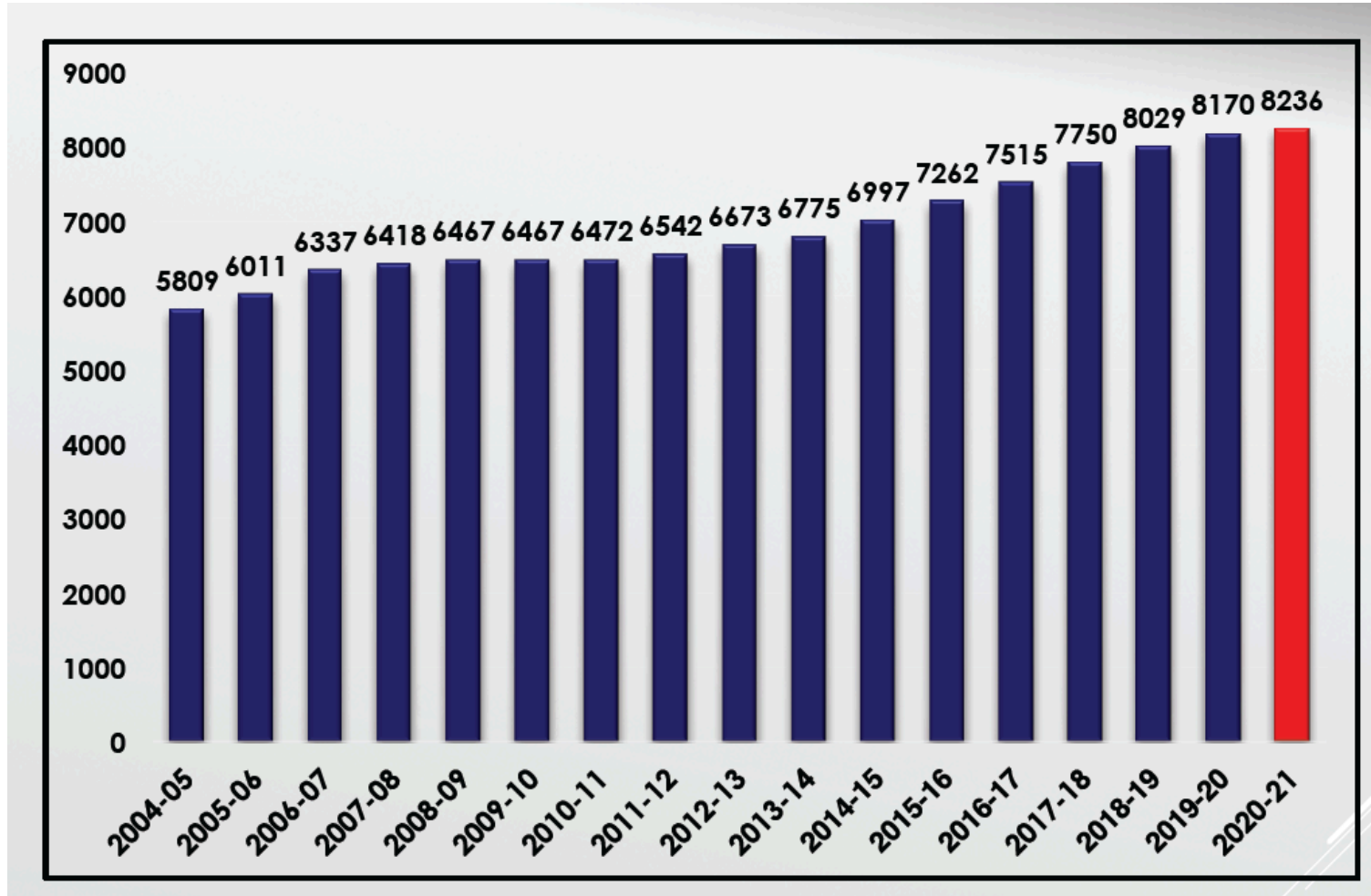


ELOST V Project Recap

- Renovations at Malcom Bridge Elementary, Malcom Bridge Middle, and Oconee County Middle



System Enrollment



Growth

Oconee County Schools is the fastest-growing district in Northeast Georgia with 3,500 or more students.

- 22% growth since 2014
- 8 schools opened in 31 years as of Fall 2020
- Opened Dove Creek Elementary School in Fall 2018
- Addition at OCHS (2018)
- Additions at OCMS and MBMS (2016)



Projects Possible with Passage of ELOST VI

- Construction of Dove Creek Middle School
- Classroom Additions to:
 - Colham Ferry Elementary School
 - High Shoals Elementary School
 - Malcom Bridge Elementary School



Projects Possible with Passage of ELOST VI

- Renovations to:
 - Oconee County Primary School
 - Malcom Bridge Elementary School
 - Oconee County Elementary School
 - Rocky Branch Elementary School



Projects Possible with Passage of ELOST VI

- Construction of Instructional Support Center
- Buses
- Technology



Building Projects Impact 8/11 Existing Schools



Bond Benefits

- **Begin projects immediately pending passage of ELOST VI**
- **Historically low interest rates**
- **Avoid inflation costs**



ELOST 2021 Communications Timeline

February 2021

- Board presentation
- School-level communication
- oconeeschools.org/ELOST
- Social media posts

March 2021

- Social media posts
- School-level communication



ELOST Vote Date:
March 16, 2021



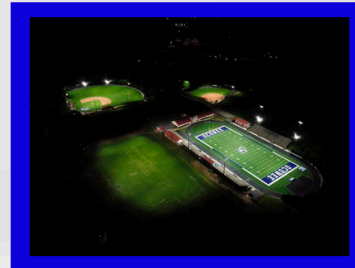


Thank you, Oconee County!

ELOST V SUPPORTED THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS FOR OUR STUDENTS:



Newly-constructed state-of-the-art
Dove Creek Elementary School



HVAC at Oconee County High
School and North Oconee High
School



Chromebooks for every student, making
OCS a 1:1 school system



Artificial turf, track, and lighting at
Oconee County High School and
North Oconee High School



New buses with air conditioning



Oconee County High School
20-classroom addition





ELOST VI *FAQs*

What is ELOST?

ELOST (Education Local Option Sales Tax) is a 1% sales tax on purchases made in Oconee County.

What is ELOST used for?

Funding is used to help the school district build new schools, improve the infrastructure of existing schools, and purchase new technology and other capital - such as school buses - that are needed. ELOST cannot be used for salaries.

Is this a new proposed tax?

No. ELOST has been collected in Oconee County since 1998.

Will this affect my property taxes?

No. ELOST is a sales tax.

If ELOST VI passes, what projects will be able to take place?

- Construction of Dove Creek Middle School
- Classroom Addition to Colham Ferry Elementary School
- Classroom Addition to High Shoals Elementary School
- Classroom Addition to Malcom Bridge Elementary School
- Renovations to Oconee County Primary School
- Renovations to Malcom Bridge Elementary School
- Renovations to Oconee County Elementary School
- Renovations to Rocky Branch Elementary School
- Construction of Instructional Support Center
- Buses
- Technology

Why are these projects being proposed?

Oconee County Schools is among the fastest-growing systems in Georgia. ELOST helps accommodate that growth.

When is the vote?

March 16, 2021

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