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E-SPLOST 2022 - 2027



What is an E-SPLOST?

- ★ An Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax is a one-cent sales tax that lasts a maximum of 5 years or until the established cap is reached.
- ★ It would be a continuation of the current sales tax.
- ★ It is not a tax increase, not an additional tax, and not a property tax.
- ★ It is an equitable tax shared by *all* who make purchases in Houston County, including numerous visitors.
- ★ It is a way to fund educational improvements that everyone contributes to, not just property owners.

E-SPLOST



What is an E-SPLOST?

- ★ By law, E-SPLOST funds must be used for capital projects for educational purposes or to make payments on bonds, but not for operating expenses, such as salaries.
- ★ Houston County voters have approved 5 E-SPLOST votes: 1997-2001, 2002-2007, 2007-2012, 2012-2017 and 2017-2022.
- ★ The current E-SPLOST expires March 31, 2022.
- ★ The referendum asks to continue the E-SPLOST for 5 years or until a cap of \$190 million is reached.

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Success of Past E-SPLOSTs

- ★ Every school in the district has been improved.
- ★ Since 2002, E-SPLOST funds have added a total of 1,916,344 square feet and 900 classrooms, in addition to renovation of more than 1,042,178 square feet of instructional space.
- ★ During the 2017-2022 E-SPLOST, safety has been enhanced, facility needs addressed, and improvements made in technology and transportation.



Current 2017-2022 E-SPLOST

Safety & Security – all schools benefited

- ★ Security systems, to include cameras, upgraded across district
- ★ Access control upgraded district-wide
- ★ Fire protection equipment replaced at all sites
- ★ Perimeter fencing installed
- ★ Parking and traffic flow improvements at 12 schools

Transportation – district-wide benefit

- ★ Purchase of 69 school buses



Current 2017-2022 E-SPLOST

Facilities

- ★ Built Bonaire Primary School
- ★ New competition gyms at Houston County High, Northside High, Perry High and Warner Robins High
- ★ Multipurpose athletic facility addition at Veterans High
- ★ Classroom addition at Northside High and Veterans High
- ★ Auditorium renovations at Houston County High, Northside High, Perry High and Warner Robins High
- ★ Renovated Perry High's Herb St. John Stadium
- ★ Canning plant renovation
- ★ HVAC upgrades at 9 sites



Current 2017-2022 E-SPLOST

Technology

- ★ Chromebooks for students, teachers and media centers
- ★ Computer workstations for teachers
- ★ Interactive panels for classrooms and media centers
- ★ Media center touch panel self check-out stations
- ★ Upgraded network cabling in several schools
- ★ Instructional materials, to include digital resources
- ★ Upgraded data center and phone system district-wide

E-SPLOST Priorities 2022-2027



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★ **Safety and Security**

★ **Facilities**

★ **Technology**

★ **Transportation**



Safety & *Security*





Safety & Security

All schools will benefit.

- ★ Parking and traffic flow improvements
- ★ Sidewalk canopies replaced
- ★ Security alarm and camera upgrades
- ★ Perimeter security fencing
- ★ Exterior breezeways enclosed
- ★ Fire alarm maintenance



Facilities





Facilities Today

- ★ 39 campuses with 4,408,707 square feet
- ★ 10 support facilities with 371,020 square feet
- ★ Average age of buildings – 38 years old
- ★ Used by approximately 30,000 students and ~4,300 fulltime employees
- ★ Extensive use of facilities requires great amount of maintenance
- ★ As buildings age, cost and ability to maintain becomes too costly, resulting in need to renovate

Facilities Plan

- ★ Build new middle school to relieve Bonaire MS and Perry MS
- ★ Build two new elementary/primary schools to relieve Langston Road ES and Matt Arthur ES
- ★ Build new Performing Arts Center near Freedom Field
- ★ Classroom additions based on growth
- ★ HVAC upgrades at schools
- ★ Renovations, such as lighting, flooring, paint and roofing, at majority of campuses

Technology





Technology

All schools will benefit.

- ★ Support teaching and learning by providing quality digital resources.
- ★ Upgrade internet infrastructure, e.g., bandwidth, WiFi, and access points.
- ★ Continuously refresh, replace and upgrade existing classroom technology, to include hardware and software.

Transportation



Transportation

Entire district would benefit.

- ★ Need more school buses to safely and adequately transport students
- ★ Average age of buses: 12.6 years
 - ★ 59% of buses over 10 years old
 - ★ 50% of buses over 15 years old
- ★ Buses driven more than 3 million miles a year
- ★ Demand increases as student population increases
- ★ Local district pays 88% of cost of transportation



Early Voting Feb. 22 – Mar. 12

★ Must be registered to vote by **Feb. 16, 2021**

★ Early voting **Feb. 22 – Mar. 12, 2021**

★ Early voting offered at 3 locations, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

★ Board of Elections Office, Perry

★ Houston Health Pavilion Conference Center, Warner Robins

★ Central Georgia Technical College, Roy H. “Sonny”
Watson Health Sciences Building, Warner Robins





Warner Robins Residents

- ★ The City of Warner Robins also has a special election on **Mar. 16, 2021**.
- ★ Anyone may vote early **Feb. 22 – Mar. 12** at any of the 3 locations. City of Warner Robins voters will be able to vote in both special elections at the same location, but on different ballots.
- ★ On Election Day, **Mar. 16**, some City of Warner Robins voters will be able to cast both County and City ballots at one location, while a small percentage of City voters will need to visit two locations.



Voting Day, March 16, 2021

- ★ Final opportunity to vote: **March 16, 2021**
- ★ To find out where you vote, visit Georgia Secretary of State's *My Voter Page*,
<http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>
- ★ For voting questions, call Board of Elections at
478.987.1973



Thank you for supporting our schools!

For more information, visit www.hcbe.net/ESPLOST.

