



E-SPLOST IV: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

The Troup County Board of Education called for a referendum for citizens to consider continuation of a SPLOST for education (E-SPLOST). The question was on the November 8, 2011 elections ballot. Early voting began October 18, 2011.

The following are answers to key questions regarding SPLOST and E-SPLOST. For additional information, please contact the Administrative Services Center at 706-812-7900.

What is SPLOST/E-SPLOST?

SPLOST is an optional one percent (1%) county sales tax used to fund capital outlay projects by the county government and participating municipal governments.

E-SPLOST is an optional one percent (1%) sales tax used to fund capital outlay projects for the local school system. Through E-SPLOST everyone who makes a purchase in Troup County, including visitors, contributes to the support of local schools.

What is a capital outlay project?

Capital outlay projects are major projects which are of a permanent, long-lived nature such as land and structures.

How does our sales tax compare to surrounding counties?

- 153 of 159 Georgia Counties have a 7% sales tax rate or higher and 157 of 159 Georgia Counties have some type of SPLOST
- All surrounding Counties have a 7% sales tax rate or higher.

When will the E-SPLOST be collected?

E-SPLOST collection period is July 1, 2012- June 30, 2017

What is the estimated collection amount?

Estimated E-SPLOST collections - \$59,058,827

What will the government and school system spend the money on?

Troup County School System – E-SPLOST IV Proposed Projects and Renovations

PHASE I (Bonded) -- Estimated: \$30.0 million

- Major Kitchen Updates at Multiple Elementary Schools Based Upon the Age of the Equipment and Student Enrollment including but not limited to:
 - West Point Elementary, Hogansville Elementary, Rosemont Elementary
- Renovations/Expansions including but not limited to:
 - Troup High, Callaway High, and Callaway Field House
 - Elementary Schools Rezoning Needs
- Technology Upgrades and Additions:
 - System-wide Computer Upgrades of Classroom Computers, Software, and Printers
- Equipment/Software Replacement/Upgrade:
 - Textbooks, School Furniture Replacements and Additions, Copier Replacements
- HVAC and Roofing Replacements /Renovations including but not limited to:
 - Hillcrest Elementary, Long Cane Elementary, Rosemont Elementary, Mountville Elementary

PHASE II -- Estimated: \$25.3 million

- Continuation of Expansion and Renovations of Existing Elementary, Middle, and High Schools
- Continuation of Major Kitchen Updates at Multiple Elementary Schools Based Upon the Age of the Equipment and Student Enrollment
- Continuation of Renovation and Expansions for Elementary Schools Based on Rezoning Needs
- Land Purchases to Address Expansion at Schools Based on Rezoning
- Network/ Servers Upgrade, Financial and Human Resources Software Upgrades and Additional Promethean Boards
- Bus Purchases
- Flooring Replacements/Renovations
- Paving Improvements
- Physical Education Improvements including but not limited to:
 - Whitesville Road Track and LaGrange High Track (Shared projects with Troup County Recreation)
 - Callaway Stadium Turf (Shared projects with Troup County Recreation and LaGrange College)

Debt Service -- Estimated: \$3.8 million

Estimated Total E-SPLOST IV Proposed Projects: \$59,058,827

** Approximately \$4.9 mil in State Capital Outlay Matching Funds will be accessible for specific E-SPLOST projects.*

How has SPLOST money been spent in the past?

Troup County School System – E-SPLOST III Projects and Renovations

For more information, please visit <http://www.troup.org/About/finance.php#splost>

Projected SPLOST III Collections \$55,459,704 (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2012)

- Callaway Elementary School opens in August, 2008
- Callaway High School – New Carpet for ROTC Room, Technology Lab, and Band Room
- Hogansville/Hendrix Field – Bathroom and Concession Improvements
- Hogansville Elementary School Main Entrance Enhancement
- Paving Improvements – Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, Callaway High School, Gardner Newman Middle School, LaGrange High School, Troup High School
- GYM HVAC – Long Cane Middle School, Franklin Forest Elementary School, Callaway High School, Troup High School
- New Lighting in All School Gyms
- Bleachers at Gardner Newman Middle School, Long Cane Middle School, Callaway High School, Callaway Middle School, Troup High School
- Baseball/Softball Field Lighting – Callaway Middle School, LaGrange High School, Troup High School
- Administrative Services Center Completed in May, 2008
- Troup High School – Industry Certified Automotive Lab
- West Point Elementary School – Classroom Additions and Media Center Expansion Completed in August, 2007
- Mountville Elementary School – Fencing Improvements
- New Roof – Gardner Newman Middle School
- Transportation – Five New Buses
- Purchased 4,175 Desktop Computers & 136 Laptop Computers