

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### IS THIS A TAX INCREASE?

**NO!** The one-percent sales tax is already in place so it is a continuation of the current penny sales tax for education for an additional 5 years. This will not change the existing sales or property tax for Troup County.

### HAVE PREVIOUS ESPLOSTS BEEN SUCCESSFUL?

**YES!** The Troup County Board of Education has a creditable record of keeping promises. There have been many building, safety, and equipment improvements using the funds provided by the education sales tax.

### WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF AN ESPLOST?

The Education SPLOST shares the cost of educational buildings and equipment with visitors and all Troup County citizens – not just property owners. Sales tax offsets property tax and helps keep property taxes stable. As a result of Education SPLOSTs, Troup County School System has not had a millage rate for bonds since 1996.



# Education SPLOST 5 Vote May 24th

Troup County School System

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- Early voting begins May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Saturday voting May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Voter registration deadline April 26<sup>th</sup>

## Troup County Schools Education SPLOST 5

- **What is it?**
- **How its passage will support education in our county for the next five years?**



**1¢ Education Sales Tax  
Referendum**

*Election Day*

**MAY 24, 2016**

**Information for  
Parents and Citizens**

## What is an Education SPLOST (E-SPLOST)?

- **E-SPLOST** stands for **E**ducation **S**pecial **P**urpose **L**ocal **O**ption **S**ales **T**ax
- A **1%** addition on standard county-wide sales tax that goes directly to **education**
- This is a **continuation** of Education SPLOST 4, not an additional tax. The Sales Tax Rate will remain the same.
- If the Education SPLOST does not continue, the alternative funding is via **school bonds** which would **increase property tax** and/or **dramatically decrease school system budgets**.

*While the Education SPLOST can fund only capital expenses – it has a huge impact on operational expenses as well.*

*By using Education SPLOST 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.***

Previous Education SPLOST Projects

### New Buildings

- Callaway Elementary School
- Franklin Forest Elementary School
- Callaway Middle School
- Ethel W. Kight Elementary School
- LaGrange High School expansion and new classrooms

### Technology Enhancements

- More than doubled the internet bandwidth
- 6,000 new laptops and desktops
- 900 new mobile Chromebooks
- Interactive projectors and speakers for all campuses
- Complete wireless connectivity throughout the district

### Efficiency Improvements

- New roofs at multiple schools
- HVAC upgrades
- Repaving projects throughout system
- New gym air conditioners

### Athletic & Facility Upgrades

- Fine Arts Auditorium at Troup High
- Resurfacing tracks at Granger Park & Chris Joseph Park
- Multipurpose athletic facility at Callaway High School
- New gym floors at Franklin Forest Elementary and Hollis Hand Elementary
- Industry Certified Automotive Labs
- Classroom additions at multiple schools



## Proposed Education SPLOST 5 Projects

### Building Additions & Upgrades

- Replacement for Whitesville Road Elementary School
- Renovations and classroom additions for Rosemont Elementary, Hogansville Elementary, and Hollis Hand Elementary
- New Athletic Facilities at LaGrange and Troup High Schools
- Enhancements for THINC College and Career Academy

### Security Enhancements

- Security Barriers
- Exterior and Interior Cameras
- Security Entrance Systems

### Technology

- Interactive technology
- Classroom equipment upgrades