



FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
“The Crown Jewel of Fayette County”

ESPLOST 3.0

“Maintaining the Fayette Advantage”

What is an ESPLOST?

- ✓ ***This is NOT a new tax.* Continuation of ESPLOST II that will expire in March 2019**
- ✓ 1% sales tax, for the next five years, on goods and services purchased in Fayette County specifically to support our excellent public schools.
- ✓ Must be used on hard assets such as buildings, books, buses and computers. **Cannot be used for salaries or other operating costs.**

We currently HAVE an ESPLOST

Visitors shopping or dining in Fayette County support our schools. We estimate this to be approximately 30% of collections.



If you spend money in another metro Atlanta County, you pay an ESPLOST that supports that school system:

- Atlanta Hartsfield Airport – Clayton County Schools
- Ashley Park – Coweta County Schools
- Mercedes Benz Stadium – Atlanta Schools
- SunTrust Park – Cobb County Schools



What Projects Have Been Completed with ESPLOST?

- ✓ Renovated school buildings, including roof, HVAC, lighting and flooring:
 - ✓ McIntosh
 - ✓ Sandy Creek
 - ✓ Starr's Mill
 - ✓ Flat Rock Middle
 - ✓ Rising Starr Middle
 - ✓ Whitewater Middle
 - ✓ Braelinn Elem
 - ✓ Burch Elem
 - ✓ Huddleston Elem
 - ✓ Sarah Harp Minter Elem
 - ✓ Peachtree City – Gym/Classroom Addition
 - ✓ North Fayette – Gym Addition



**Great investments in Fayette County School's
continuing success**

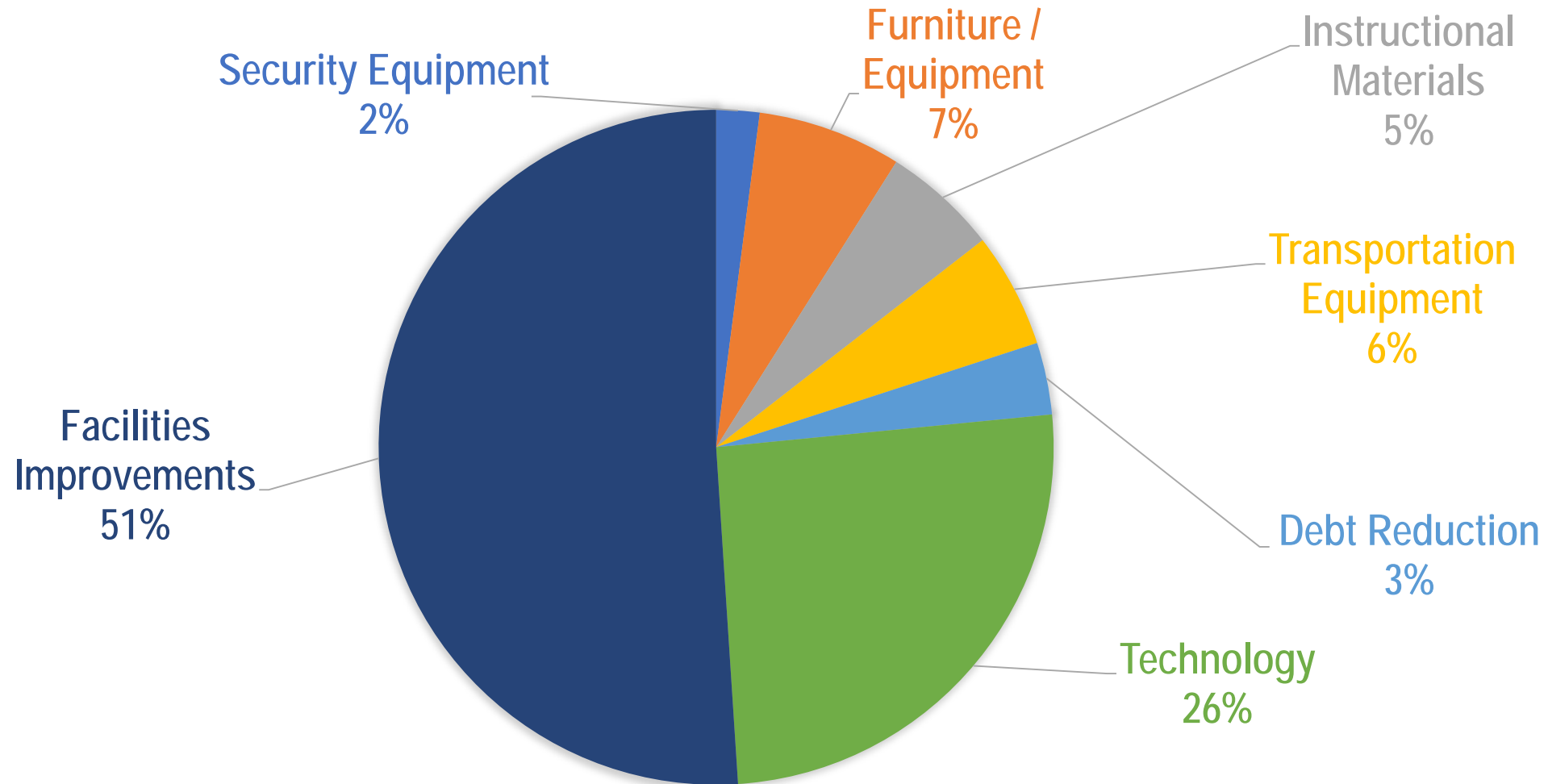
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- ✓ Secured the entrances of all schools with access control and cameras.
- ✓ Equipped every classroom in the county with the “Classroom of Tomorrow” technology.
- ✓ Provided for the connection of the two halves of McIntosh High School.
- ✓ Paid down over \$25M in bond debt.
(Annual bond service has gone down \$5M a year.)
- ✓ Build the addition of an auditorium for Fayette County High School (in progress).



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ESPLOST 3.0: Where Will the Money Go?



Maintain and Upgrade our Facilities

- ✓ Fayette County High School renovations including HVAC, roofing, and flooring \$22M
- ✓ Classroom additions at High Schools \$13M
 - ✓ McIntosh
 - ✓ Whitewater
 - ✓ Sandy Creek
- ✓ Gym and Classroom modifications at Booth Middle \$10M
- ✓ Elementary School Upgrades and Improvements \$19M
 - ✓ Oak Grove
 - ✓ Fayette Elementary
 - ✓ Peebles



Just over half of this ESPLOST is designated to maintain and upgrade our aging facilities.

Continuing to Invest in Technology

- ✓ Invest in **One-to-One Computer to Student**

\$25M

- ✓ How it works

- ✓ Student would take home computer on loan, like a text book
 - ✓ All books would eventually be “e-books” reducing costs over time

- ✓ Results expected

- ✓ Greater student/ teacher interaction through virtual classroom
 - ✓ Technological savvy required for college and now basic job skill
 - ✓ Many systems including Coweta have already adopted this standard

- ✓ Invest in **Connected Classroom II**

\$20M

- ✓ Builds on Classroom of Tomorrow in ESPLOST 1.0 (2008)
 - ✓ Expands connectivity pipe to facilitate online access



Other Strategic Initiatives

- ✓ School security upgrades \$ 3M
- ✓ Furniture replacement and upgrades \$13M
 - ✓ Updated lab equipment
 - ✓ Media centers
 - ✓ Elementary schools
- ✓ New Textbooks (“Hard” and “e” books) \$ 8M
- ✓ Bus replacement and upgrades/AC \$10M
- ✓ Bond debt reduction \$ 5M



CCRPI- College and Career Readiness

SYSTEM	ENROLLMENT	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Fayette	20935	87.4	81.9	85.4	86.1	85.8
Newton	21384	73.0	70.3	73.8	75.2	73.4
Coweta	23610	75.2	78.1	75.2	77.0	78.8
Columbia	27762	83.0	83.2	82.6	85.3	82.9
Cherokee	43337	81.6	78.1	77.2	79.7	80.1
Forsyth	46017	92.5	91.8	90.1	89.4	87.8
Henry	46583	71.1	72.9	74.4	76.2	74.9
Georgia		73.6	75.5	72.3	75.8	74.1

- ✓ Combines quantitative test score with measurement of student progress over time
- ✓ The CCRPI formula changes each year hindering year-to-year comparison

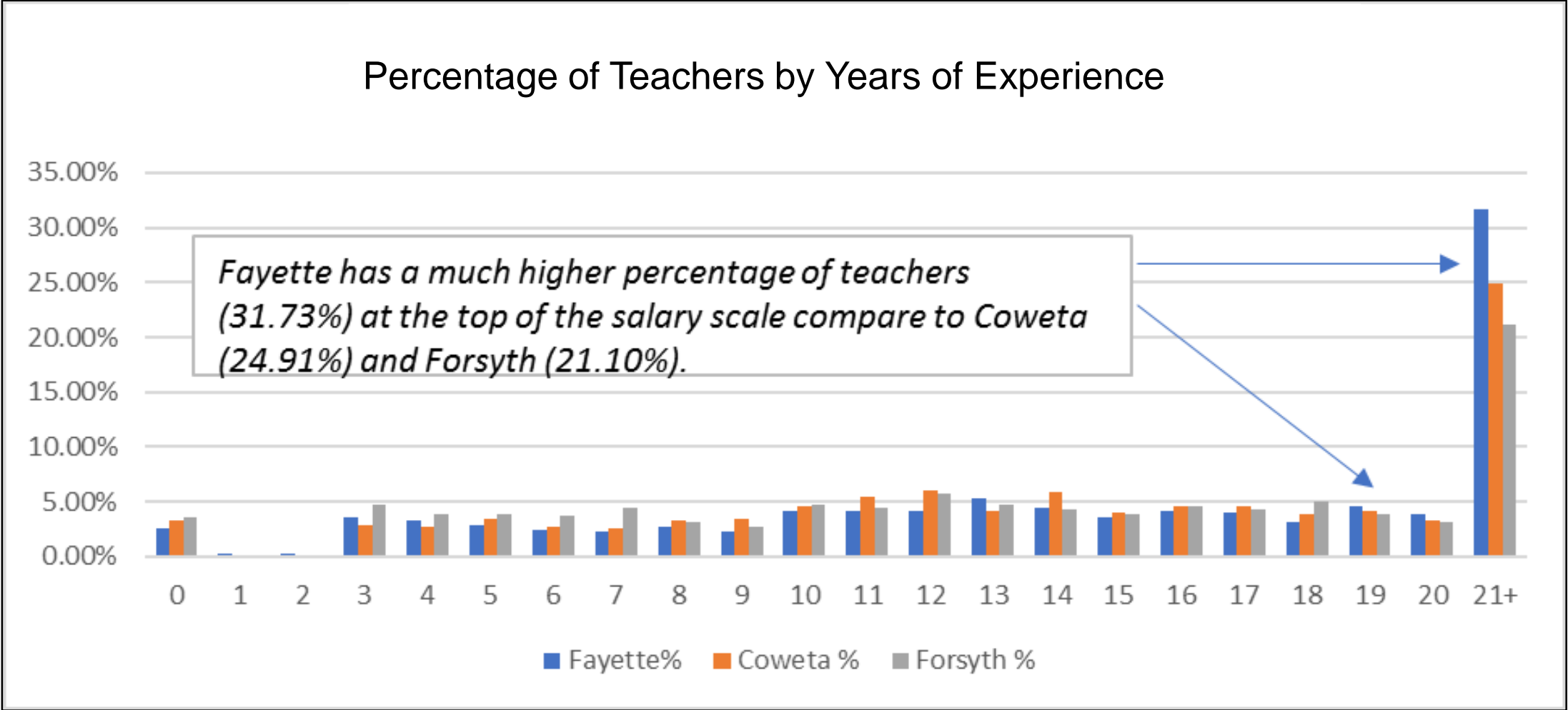
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Cost per Full Time Equivalent Student

SYSTEM	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Fayette	\$ 9,145	\$ 8,572	\$ 8,065	\$ 8,450	\$ 9,018
Newton	\$ 8,805	\$ 8,298	\$ 7,826	\$ 7,788	\$ 7,720
Coweta	\$ 8,567	\$ 8,149	\$ 7,900	\$ 7,730	\$ 7,751
Columbia	\$ 7,799	\$ 7,518	\$ 7,292	\$ 7,224	\$ 7,506
Cherokee	\$ 8,293	\$ 7,866	\$ 7,690	\$ 7,432	\$ 7,744
Forsyth	\$ 7,866	\$ 7,598	\$ 7,240	\$ 7,157	\$ 7,249
Henry	\$ 8,330	\$ 8,018	\$ 7,547	\$ 7,874	\$ 7,666
Georgia	\$ 9,020	\$ 8,665	\$ 8,406	\$ 8,336	\$ 8,559

While Fayette County Schools perform in the top tier of school systems across Georgia, its cost per student is consistently near average.

Teacher Experience



Well qualified and experienced teachers are the cornerstone of our excellent Fayette County Schools.

Funding Public Education

1. State Funds provided under “QBE”

- ✓ State legislature has underfunded the State Constitution formula for QBE (Quality Basic Education) since before the recession. To date, the cuts have cost our schools almost \$109M.
- ✓ The legislature assumes “everyone has an ESPLOST” to offset these cuts
- ✓ The state contributes 48% of Fayette’s education budget, versus the statewide average of 53%.



2. Federal Funds

- ✓ These funds are mostly tied to anti-poverty programs such as Title I. Fayette receives about 3% of it’s funding through Federal sources, versus the statewide average of over 6%.

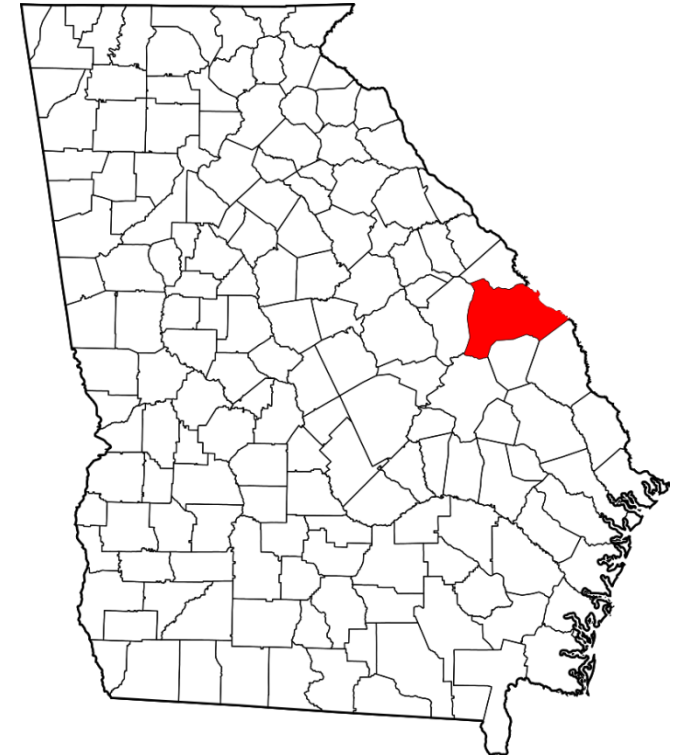
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3. Local Property Taxes

- ✓ Fayette County pays 19.5 Mills, down from 20 Mills (the maximum millage rate).

4. ESPLOST

- ✓ 158 counties out of 159 Georgia's counties use ESPLOST.
- ✓ While Fayette is considering ESPLOST 3.0, many counties, including Coweta County, are on their 4th ESPLOST.



Supporting our School Children

- What can you do?
 - Vote on November 7th
 - Early Voting begins Oct. 16-Nov. 3
 - Talk to other stakeholders

