



EDUCATION EXPLOST

SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

Your pennies made this project possible.

Thank you!

WHAT IS AN ESPLOST?

ESPLOST is an Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax that is dedicated for use by school systems for school facility improvements. This penny sales tax can also be used for renovations, technology upgrades, equipment, school bus purchases and to retire bond debt. It cannot be used for salaries or consumable instructional materials.

The penny sales tax spreads the responsibility of educating our children to all citizens and visitors to Fayette County.



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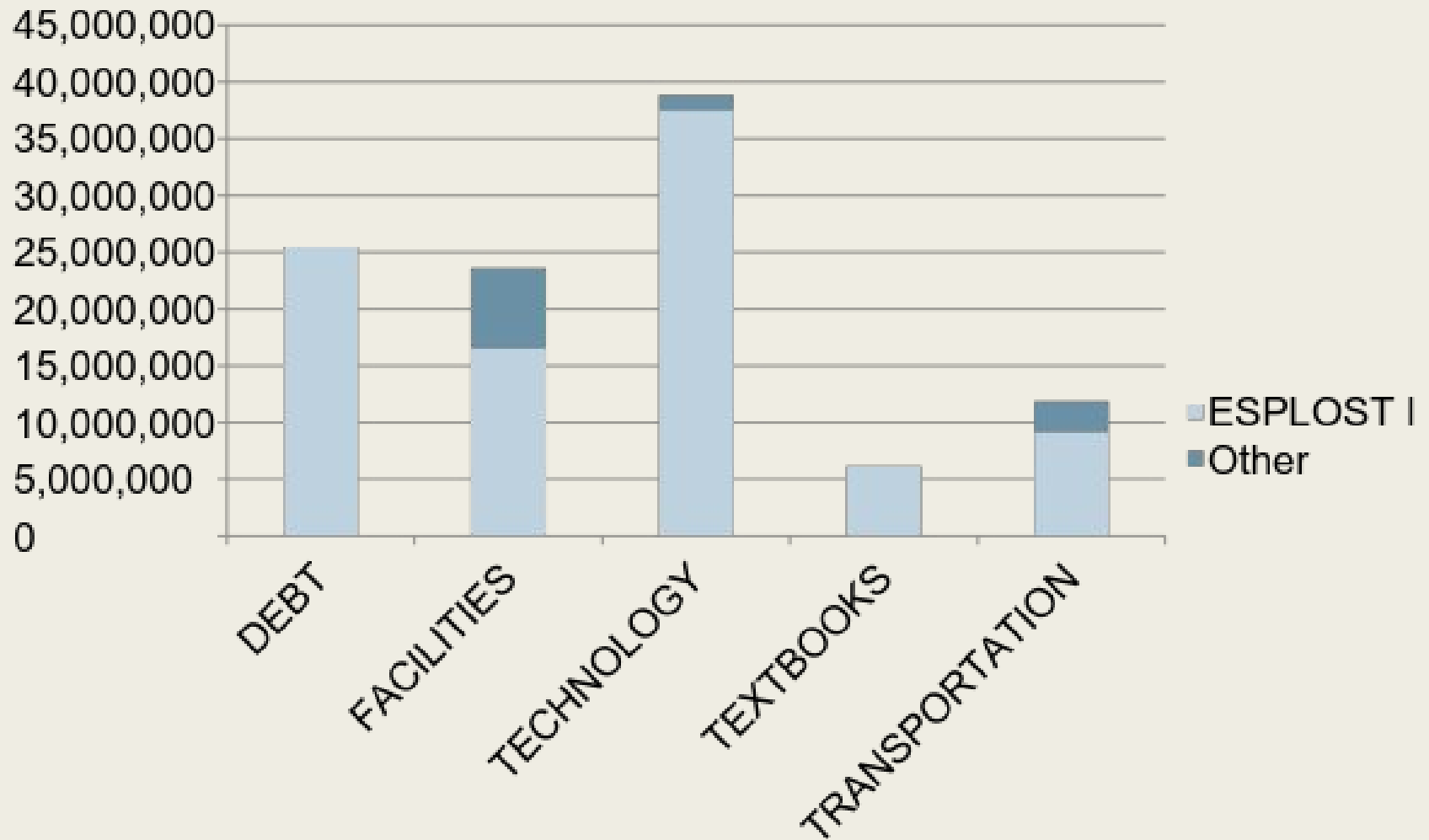
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ESPLOST I REVIEW AND STATUS

ESPLOST I



- Passed November 2008
- Final collections received April 2014
- ESPLOST I collected \$97 million
- Additional Funds of \$11 million from state and other resources
- Categories include Debt, Facilities, Technology and Equipment, Textbooks, Transportation
- Debt service of \$25,258,911 paid to date



Expenditures by Project Area



Facilities

ESPLOST I Highlights



- Second Floor Connection and stadium bleachers - *McIntosh High School* \$1,793,000



- HVAC and Roof – *Burch Elementary, North Fayette Elementary, Flat Rock Middle, McIntosh High School* \$8,878,500
- Fayette High School Auditorium – \$3,500,000 ESPLOST, \$4,900,000 Other
- Whitewater High School Multipurpose Building - \$1,000,000

Facilities

ESPLOST I Highlights Continued



- Transportation Building (bus shop, offices, warehouse, fuel island, parking, and training area) \$6,691,000



- Press box, Concessions and Restrooms

Fayette County High School
\$971,000

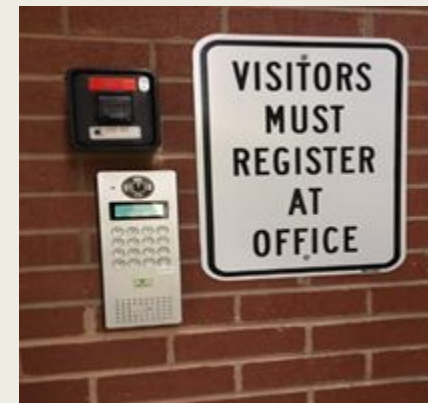


Technology/Equipment

ESPLOST I Highlights



- 21st Century Classrooms, Student, Teacher and Administrative Devices
\$28,784,259
- Wireless Network Upgrade and Other Infrastructure \$4,125,956
- Flexible Learning Spaces–
*Spring Hill Elementary, Braelinn Elementary,
S.H. Minter Elementary, Peeples Elementary
J.C. Booth Middle, Flat Rock Middle, McIntosh High*
\$694,090
- Security Cameras, Access Control,
Security Enhancements and
Equipment (Automated External Defibrillator,
radios) \$1,831,718
- Science Lab Equipment \$2,443,601



Textbooks

ESPLOST I



- Textbook Adoption and Replacement \$6,107,000
- Career & Technical Education, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and Reading



- School Bus Purchases \$11,600,000 (\$2,746,000 grants)
- Bus Shop Equipment \$84,000
- Bus Tracking Technology \$141,000

Transportation

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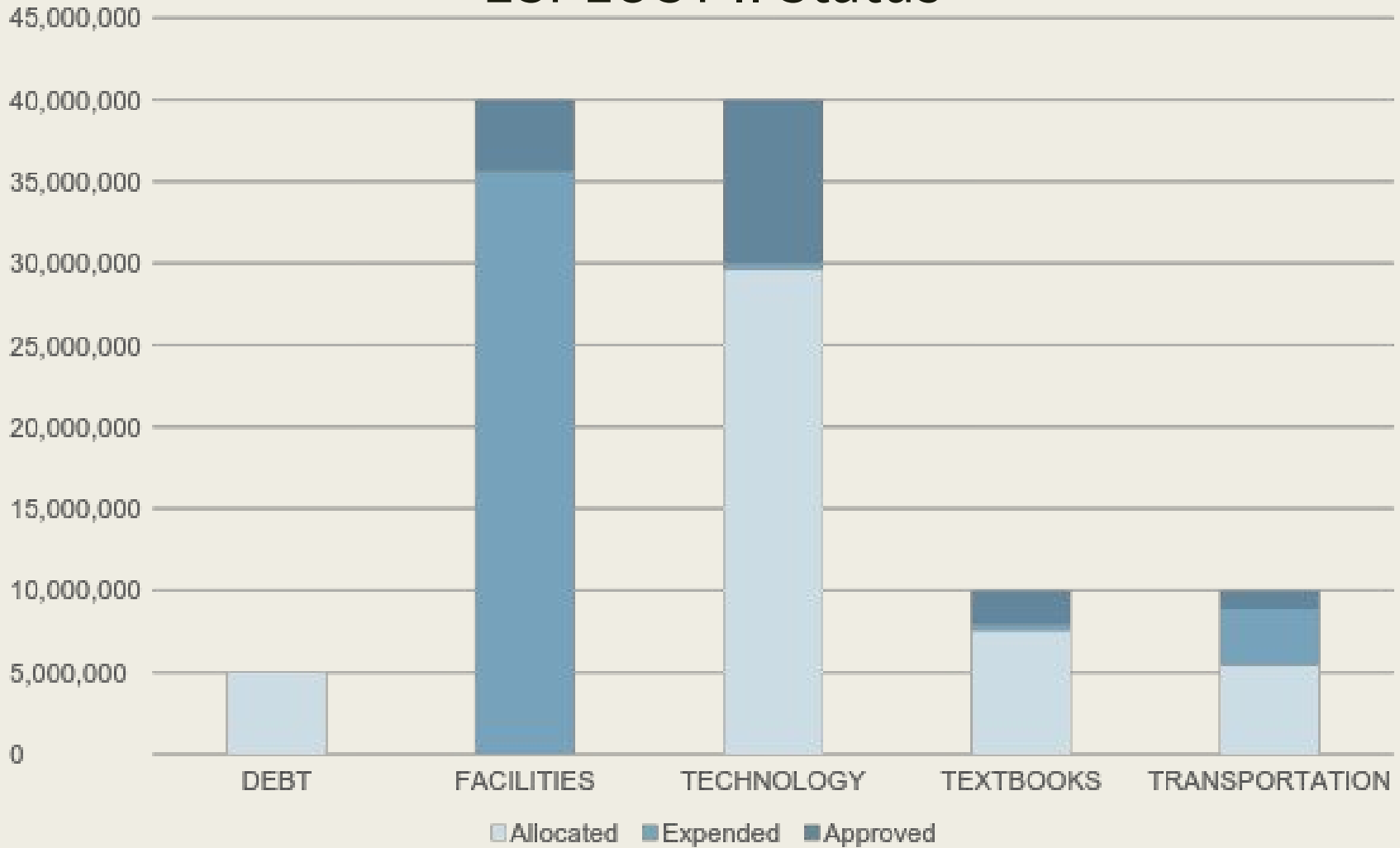
ESPLOST II REVIEW AND STATUS



- Passed November 2012
- Ends March 2019
- Total expected collections \$107 million or more
- Anticipate additional \$16 million from Georgia Department of Education Facilities Services and other sources
- Categories include Debt, Facilities, Technology/Equipment, Textbooks/ Instructional Material and Transportation
- Debt Service allocated at \$5,000,000

ESPLOST II

ESPLOST II Status



■ Science Lab Renovations

McIntosh High, Sandy Creek High \$1,817,000



- ## ■ HVAC and Roofs – *Braelinn Elementary, Kedron Elementary, Spring Hill Elementary, Rising Starr Middle, Whitewater Middle, Sandy Creek High, Starr’s Mill High* \$41,520,040



■ Huddleston Elementary Renovations

\$5,812,000



Facilities
ESPLOST II HIGHLIGHTS

- Gyms/classrooms - *North Fayette Elementary, Peachtree City Elementary*
\$5,800,000

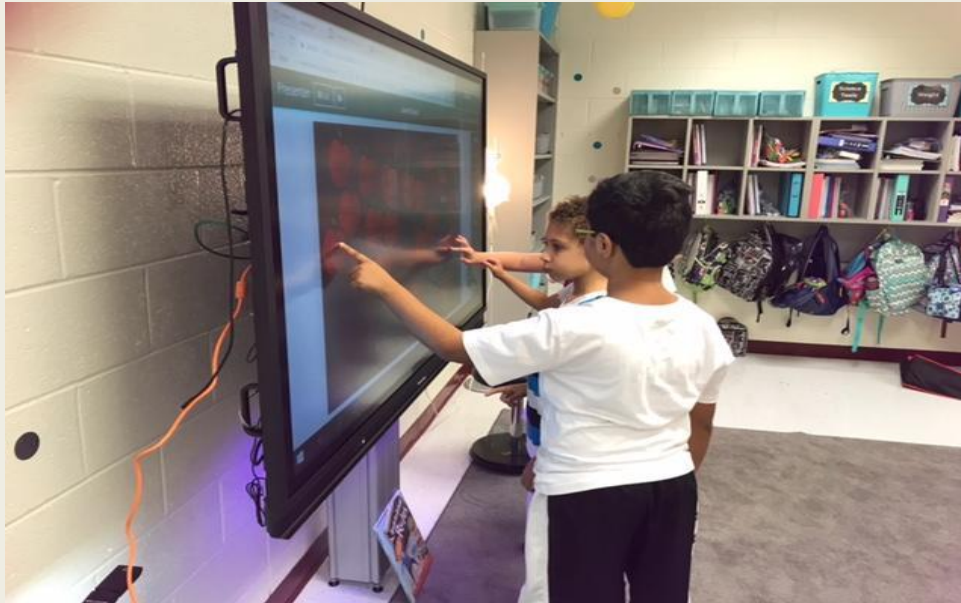


- Elementary Gym Floors and Playgrounds \$1,196,000



Facilities
ESPLOST II Highlights
Continued

- Connected Classroom Technology - \$10,000,000 approved
 - *Installations in progress*



- High School Math and Science Computers \$336,998
- Network Infrastructure (planned)
- Flexible Learning Spaces
- Device purchase/replacement (planned)
- Security enhancements (planned)

Technology & Equipment ESPLOST II



Textbooks

ESPLOST II

- Textbook Adoption and Replacements \$10,000,000
- Includes Career & Technical Education, Language Arts, Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies and World Languages

Transportation

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- Bus Purchases \$3,306,000
- Bus Wash and Equipment \$300,000
- Retrofit Buses with Air Conditioning \$1,100,000





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ESPLOST III

IS ESPLOST III AN ADDITIONAL TAX, I THOUGHT WE JUST PASSED ONE?

No, this is not a new sales tax. It simply extends the current 1% sales tax for another 5 years. Collection of the renewal ESPLOST can only begin after the current ESPLOST expires.

The tax passed March 2017 was only for the county and city municipalities. It does not include any funds for the school system.

ESPLOST III Timeline

- May through July 2017, an advisory committee met to discuss needs and recommend projects
- July 24, 2017 Board unanimously approved a resolution to place ESPLOST III on the November 7, 2017 ballot



ESPLOST III



- The tax is a **CONTINUATION** of the one percent sales tax currently paid in Fayette County
- November 2017 approval of ESPLOST III provides no disruption in collections
- Anticipated revenue \$145M based on current collections trend
- Projects areas include:
 - *Facilities Additions, Renovations and Improvements*
 - *Technology Equipment, Devices and Infrastructure*
 - *Safety and Security Equipment*
 - *Furniture and Equipment*
 - *Textbook and Instructional Materials*
 - *Transportation Equipment*
 - *Debt Service/ Reduction*

ESPLOST III

Project Highlights



- **Facilities Additions, Renovations and Improvements - \$74,000,000**
 - Roof, HVAC and Renovations – anticipate Fayette County High, Peeples Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary, Fayetteville Elementary, Inman Elementary
 - Additions - Classrooms for J.C. Booth Middle and McIntosh High; Sandy Creek High School and Whitewater High School if needed
 - Improvements for Career & Technical Education programs
 - Other projects based on strategic plan and student enrollment

ESPLOST III Project Highlights



- **Technology Equipment, Devices and Infrastructure - \$37,000,000**
 - Primary focus is integrating the use of technology to enhance student achievement through connected classroom concept
 - Student Devices will focus on a 1-to-1 or 1-to-web deployment depending on grade level, program and school technology plans

ESPLOST III



- Safety and Security Equipment - \$3,000,000
- Furniture and Equipment - \$10,000,000
Media, Commons Areas and Classrooms
- Textbook and Instructional Materials - \$8,000,000
- Transportation Equipment - \$8,000,000
- Debt Service/ Reduction - \$5,000,000

WHAT DOES ESPLOST DO FOR OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM?

- Improves facilities for a safe and improved learning environment
- Keeps technology, textbooks and curriculum current to develop students and better prepare them for the future
- Maintains safe schools through security cameras, card access and controls
- New and well maintained bus fleet to provide safe and comfortable transportation
- Keeps debt service millage rates low

WHAT HAPPENS IF ESPLOST III DOES NOT PASS?

Without the extension of the current ESPLOST, the school system will not be able to upgrade its technology infrastructure and school buses in a timely manner. Renovations to schools will take longer to complete and could result in additional debt for the school system. Textbooks and other equipment will also be delayed. There could be many lost opportunities for Fayette County students.



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