

# **PROPOSED 2020 E-SPLOST RENEWAL**

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# E-SPLOST OVERVIEW

- ▶ Provides **school districts** the funding needed for the renovation and modification to existing facilities and the construction of new schools.
- ▶ This referendum allows for a one-cent (or 1%) Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (E-SPLOST) for the funding of capital outlay projects.
- ▶ Funds **can be used** for:
  - ▶ Specific capital improvement projects for educational purposes (e.g. buses, construction, technology, etc.)
  - ▶ Retiring General Obligation (GO) Bond debt incurred to finance capital outlay projects
  - ▶ Issuing new GO Bonds for specific capital outlay projects, which will be paid with E-SPLOST receipts
- ▶ Funds **can't be used** for:
  - ▶ Day-to-day operational expenses
  - ▶ Salaries
  - ▶ Personnel
  - ▶ Offsetting budget shortages
  - ▶ Books or curriculum-based materials



# HOW HAVE WE BENEFITTED FROM THE E-SPLOST?

- ▶ Positive impacts on school environments
- ▶ Historical financial efficiency and transparency (*reviewed by citizens review committee and independent auditors*)
- ▶ Funded capital projects, modifications, and renovations
- ▶ Supported District strategic initiatives



# PHYSICAL SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS IMPACT LEARNING

- ▶ Earthman, G. & Lemasters, L.; (2011) The Influence of School Building Conditions on Students and Teachers: A Theory-Based Research Program (1993-2011); *The ACEF Journal* ,1(1), pp15-36.
  - Positive relationship between building condition and student performance
  - Condition of classroom influences teacher attitudes
  - Physical conditions most greatly impact Math and Science performance
- ▶ Simons, E., Hwang, S., Fitzgerald, D., Kielb, C.& Lin, S.; (2010) The Impact of School Building Conditions on Student Absenteeism in Upstate New York; *Research and Practice* ,100(9), pp1679-1686.
  - Found associations between adverse building conditions and student absenteeism
- ▶ Hanover Research. (2015, February) *Classroom Design and Furniture*. Arlington, VA District Administration Practice
  - Flexible classroom furniture and designs lead to more student collaboration, higher engagement and improved student attitudes which all ultimately lead to increased student learning.

**WHERE DID YOUR PENNY GO?**



# E-SPLOST 1997

- ▶ Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School
- ▶ Fox Elementary School
- ▶ Midland Academy
- ▶ Baker Middle School
- ▶ Midland Middle School
- ▶ Double Churches Middle School
- ▶ East Columbus Middle School
- ▶ Northside High School



# E-SPLOST 2003

- ▶ Muscogee County Public Education Center
- ▶ System-wide technology updates
- ▶ Veterans Middle School
- ▶ Rigdon Road Elementary
- ▶ North Columbus Elementary
- ▶ Eagle Ridge Elementary





# E-SPLOST 2009

- ▶ HVAC-gyms
- ▶ System-wide technology upgrades
- ▶ Carver High School
- ▶ Rainey-McCullers School of the Arts
- ▶ Aaron Cohn Middle School
- ▶ Dorothy Height Elementary School





# PROJECT LIST DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ Feedback process
  - ▶ Department and division leadership
  - ▶ School administration
  - ▶ Parent groups (*administered by school leadership*)
- ▶ List review and compilation



# 2020 E-SPLOST PROJECT LIST

- Ways to Learn
- Room to Learn
- Support to Learn



# WAYS TO LEARN

- ▶ Improvements to technology and technology infrastructure
  - Classroom technology
  - Safety and security
  - Cybersecurity
  - District devices
  - Infrastructure
  - Elementary coding labs
- ▶ Stephen T. Butler STEAM Center upgrades
  - Renovations
  - Equipment improvements
- ▶ Jordan Vocational High School College and Career Academy facility enhancements



# ROOM TO LEARN

- ▶ New elementary school
  - Consolidation of Dawson and St. Mary's elementary schools
- ▶ Arnold Middle School Modernization
  - Complete renovation and modernization of Arnold Middle School
- ▶ Additions to Hardaway High School
  - Construct new administration and front entrance building with enhanced security and covered drop-off area
  - Upgrade student/athletics parking lot
  - Add concessions area to gymnasium
- ▶ Additions to Kendrick High School
  - Construct new administration and front entrance area with enhanced security and covered drop-off area
  - Upgrade student/athletic parking lot



# ROOM TO LEARN

- ▶ Additions to Mathews Elementary School
  - Construct four new classrooms at Mathews Elementary School
- ▶ Upgrades to Columbus High School exterior
  - Replace exterior stairs leading to the front entrance
  - Front driveway and gate security enhancements
  - Other exterior enhancements
- ▶ New North Columbus Library
  - Construct a new North Columbus library
- ▶ Museum upgrades
  - New collection storage vault
  - Interior renovations
- ▶ Expansion of Veterans Middle School's band room



# SUPPORT TO LEARN

- ▶ Complete System-wide multi-sport athletic complex (*initiated in 2015 E-SPLOST*)
  - Construct a second District athletic complex adjacent to Spencer High School, including a football/soccer field and tennis complex
  - Build to GHSA state competition standards
- ▶ Athletic improvements District-wide
  - ▶ Upgrades to all middle school football/soccer fields including:
    - Field upgrades
    - Scoreboards
    - Goal posts
    - Bleachers
    - Sidewalk safety and accessibility concerns
  - ▶ New gym bleachers for all middle schools and high school gyms with wooden bleachers
  - ▶ Expand weight rooms at Columbus High School and Carver High School
  - ▶ Kinnett Stadium upgrades including:
    - New LED lighting system
    - New sound and video screen system
  - ▶ Resurface tracks at Hardaway and Carver high schools





# SUPPORT TO LEARN

- ▶ Replacement of outdated furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) System-wide
  - Furniture replacement at all schools, where needed
  - Continue to purchase band and orchestra equipment for middle and high schools
- ▶ Addressing all facilities needs as reflected in the District's DOE Five-year Facilities Plan
  - ▶ Renovations as necessary including:
    - Painting
    - Flooring
    - Lighting
    - Ceilings
    - Plumbing
    - Windows
    - Doors
    - Tack boards and marker boards
    - Energy efficiency
    - Security
    - Classroom and lab casework
  - ▶ Modifications as necessary including:
    - Roofs
    - HVAC
    - Awnings/canopies





# SUPPORT TO LEARN

- ▶ Playgrounds
  - Replacement of all playgrounds District-wide
- ▶ Campus safety and security improvements
  - Construct additional parking lots, where needed
  - Construct additional sidewalks and stairs to meet safety and accessibility needs
  - Install fencing District-wide to increase safety and security
  - Secure exterior building connectors
- ▶ Replacement of outdated buses, vehicles, and transportation equipment
- ▶ Replacement of outdated school nutrition equipment
- ▶ Update secondary science equipment and technology



2020 SPLOST Categories	
Ways to Learn	Cost Estimation
1. Improvements to Technology and Technology Infrastructure	\$ 45,500,000.00
2. Stephen T. Butler STEAM Center Upgrades	\$ 2,000,000.00
3. Jordan HS College and Career Academy Facility Enhancements	\$ 3,000,000.00
Room to Learn	
4. Replacement ES ( Dawson, St. Mary's )	\$ 25,000,000.00
5. Modernize Arnold MS	\$ 13,000,000.00
6. Addition to Hardaway HS	\$ 4,000,000.00
7. Addition to Kendrick HS	\$ 4,000,000.00
8. Addition to Mathews ES (Four Classrooms)	\$ 1,500,000.00
9. Upgrades to Columbus HS Exterior	\$ 1,000,000.00
10. Expand Veterans Memorial MS Band Room	\$ 500,000.00
11. New North Columbus Library	\$ 3,000,000.00
12. Museum Upgrades	\$ 3,000,000.00
Support to Learn	
13. System-Wide Multi-Sport Athletic Complex	\$ 15,000,000.00
14. District-Wide Athletic Improvements	\$ 15,500,000.00
15. Replacement of Outdated Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment System-Wide (FF&E)	\$ 3,000,000.00
16. Update Secondary Science Equipment and Technology	\$ 1,500,000.00
17. Addressing Facility Needs as Reflected in the District 5 Year DOE Facilities Plan	
a. Renovations	\$ 17,500,000.00
b. Modifications	\$ 5,000,000.00
18. Playgrounds	\$ 1,500,000.00
19. Campus Safety and Security	\$ 3,500,000.00
20. Replacement of Outdated Buses, Vehicles and Transportation Equipment	\$ 16,000,000.00
21. Replacement of Outdated School Nutrition Equipment	\$ 2,000,000.00
22. Financing of Bond Issue	\$ 3,000,000.00
	<b>\$ 189,000,000.00</b>





Dawson Elementary School (Est. 1960)



St. Mary's Magnet Academy (Est. 1956)





Arnold Middle School (Est. 1959)



Hardaway High School (Est. 1965)





Kendrick High School (Est. 1964)



Columbus High School (Est. 1926)





Richards Middle School



Rothschild Middle School





Richards Middle School



Baker Middle School





Carver High School



Hardaway High School





Transportation



Playground (Rigdon Road)