

## **This is YOUR Hall County School District**

The Hall County School District consistently seeks to serve our 28,000 students, their families, and our community by striving to be “the most caring place on earth.” With over 30 programs of choice, record graduation rates, unparalleled career preparation programs, the Howard E. Ivester Early College, and numerous other intentional efforts, we seek to support our community by providing the next generation with the skills and opportunities to accomplish their hopes and dreams.

### **March 24, 2020 Ballot Questions** **ESPLOST VI and Government Obligation Bonds** **For Facility Improvements**

Our students consistently excel in all areas, including academic performance, extra-curricular activities (sports, fine arts, career technical, etc.), career readiness, and community service. However, the district has significant needs in the area of facilities. A significant example is the state of our elementary campuses that now average almost 42 years in age. Additionally, some small schools constructed 50-60 years ago face challenges to provide the wide range of opportunities that ALL our students deserve.

Your school district believes extra-curricular activities play a vital role in preparing students, teaching many of the character traits that lead to success in both career and personal life. Many of our extra-curricular facilities are outdated and have issues that significantly limit opportunities.

With these factors in mind, your Hall County Board of Education has passed a resolution to place the continuance of ESPLOST (1 penny sales tax) and a Government Obligation Bond (\$258 million) on the March 24, 2020 ballot, seeking community support to update the facilities our boys and girls attend every day. We ask that you educate yourself on the goals we have set out in our “10-Year Facility Plan” and vote your conscience in March.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our most precious resource, our boys and girls.



## Hall County School District ESPLOST VI/GO Bond Projects: Building a Future for Students: Building Community

Need	Priority	Estimated Cost
Increased Growth Along 211 Corridor	Build Cherokee Bluff Middle School on Existing Property	\$44M
Aging Elementary School Facilities; Average Age: 42 yrs.	Build 4 New Elementary Schools, Bringing Total from 20 to 17	\$109M
Inefficient Space to Adequately Support Students and/or Programs	Renovate High School/Middle School Bathrooms, Classrooms, and Core Spaces; Safety and Security Improvements	\$25M
Inadequate Space	Build New Performing Arts Centers at JHS and WHHS	\$18M
Inefficient Space to Support Programs	Make Renovations and Conduct New Construction at Lyman Hall Elem, Sardis Elem, East Hall High, Johnson High	\$36M
Inefficient Extracurricular Activity Venues	Make Improvements to Extracurricular Activity Areas at all 7 High Schools; Install AC in Middle School Gymnasiums	\$12M
Inefficient Space Due to Growth	Build New Maintenance Facility and a Satellite Transportation Center	\$10M
Partnership with Higher Education, Private Business, and State Agencies to Promote Agriculture	Build Hall County School District Agri-Business Center	\$4M

**Total:** **\$258M**

**Revenues (Re-Payment of Bond Principal and Interest):**

- 1 mil per year of debt-repayment @ \$6.3M per mil \$126M
- \$833K per month of 240 ESPLOST receipts\* \$200M

**Total:** **\$326M**

**\*This figure would utilize 30-40-% of projected ESPLOST revenues. This assume no growth in current digest and ESPLOST proceeds.**

**Please note: All projects and figures are estimates based upon our most current and reliable information. Actual projects and estimates may be adjusted based upon changing conditions.**