

E-SPLOST FACT SHEET

WHAT IS E-SPLOST

THE SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FOR EDUCATION, ALSO KNOWN AS E-SPLOST, IS A ONE-CENT SALES TAX ON ALL RETAIL SALES IN BACON COUNTY. THIS MEANS THAT EVERYONE WHO MAKES A PURCHASE IN BACON COUNTY, INCLUDING VISITORS, CONTRIBUTES TO THE SUPPORT OF LOCAL SCHOOLS. BY LAW, AN E-SPLOST CAN BE USED ONLY FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS, LIKE BUILDINGS, FURNISHINGS, BUSES, AND COMPUTERS. IT CANNOT BE USED FOR SALARIES OR FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF A SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Why E-SPLOST

- THE ESPLOST IS NOT A PROPERTY TAX. IT PROVIDES A METHOD OF FUNDING THE COST OF EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT EVERYONE PAYS, NOT JUST PROPERTY OWNERS. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE SALES TAX IS PAID BY EVERYONE WHO PASSES THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY.
- THIS IS NOT A NEW TAX.** THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT PENNY SALES TAX FOR EDUCATION. IT WILL NOT CHANGE THE EXISTING SALES TAX FOR BACON COUNTY.

KEY POINTS OF THIS E-SPLOST

- REDUCES BOND INDEBTEDNESS
- HELPS KEEP LOCAL MILLAGE RATE LOW
- ENABLES SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MEET FACILITY AND GROWTH NEEDS
- SPLOST IS AN EQUITABLE TAX

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ELECTION DATE - NOVEMBER 7TH
- EARLY VOTING – OCTOBER 16TH-NOVEMBER 3RD
- 2019 SPLOST COLLECTIONS BEGINS JULY 1, 2018