

Friends of Timothy Road PTO supports the E-SPLOST!

What the E-SPLOST Vote Means

This November, Clarke County voters will decide whether to renew the 1% Educational Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax ([E-SPLOST](#)), a sales tax dedicated to educational capital projects in the Clarke County School District (CCSD).

The E-SPLOST 7 referendum will appear on the November 3, 2026 ballot. If approved, the tax would continue for up to five years and generate up to \$215 million for designated school capital projects.

Will E-SPLOST impact TRES? Yes!

If the E-SPLOST on the November ballot passes, then TRES is the #2 priority on the list. Passage in this election cycle will mean a much needed expansion for TRES with additional classroom spaces and expansions to the Media Center and Cafeteria to accommodate our growing student population. This project would likely begin in summer 2027.

Is the E-SPLOST new? No.

The E-SPLOST was first implemented in 1997 as a dedicated funding source for capital improvement and facility projects in CCSD and is generally renewed by vote every five years. Nearly every county in Georgia utilizes an active E-SPLOST program, which can only be used on facility improvements (i.e., no operational expenses, staff salaries, utility bills, etc.).

How is E-SPLOST funded?

E-SPLOST is collected through a **1% sales tax**, rather than through a dedicated property tax.

Sales taxes are not only paid by local residents, but also by visitors who make purchases in Athens-Clarke County—including visitors for UGA game days, graduations, parents' weekend, and other occasions—ensuring these funds from the greater community are directed toward improvements for our local schools.