

What is an EDUCATION SPLOST (ESPLOST)?

ESPLOST is the option for a local school system to call a referendum approving a one percent sales tax for school facilities and/or retire bond debt. The penny sales tax spreads the responsibility of educating our children to all citizens and visitors of the community. ESPLOST is paid by anyone who makes a purchase here, including many people who do not live in our community.



What can ESPLOST funds provide for our students?

- Purchase & upgrade instructional and administrative technology
- Acquire safety and security equipment
- Acquire textbooks and other electronic educational resources
- Purchase school buses, system vehicles, transportation and maintenance equipment
- Purchase vocational, music, physical education, & athletic equipment

FACTS ABOUT CONTINUING THE 1¢ EDUCATION SALES TAX ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019



- ESPLOST is an extension of the current sales tax, not an additional tax
- The renewal of ESPLOST would start after the current Education Sales Tax ends
- Sales tax is paid by everyone who shops in Clinch County, including visitors
- These funds provide modern, safe, and secure school facilities for all children in Clinch County schools.
- Quality schools promote a better future for our students and economic growth for our community

Previous ESPLOST funds have been used for the following:

- Security cameras for schools and buses
- Updated Fire Alarms and Intercom Systems
- Athletic Facilities (New Weight Room & Batting Facility)
- Wifi System Throughout the Schools
- Classroom Computers & Student Chromebooks
- SMART Interactive Boards
- School Buses, System Vehicles & Maintenance Equipment
- Renovated HVAC system
- Band Instruments
- Kitchen Equipment
- Improved Sound Systems
- VOIP phone system & Safety Communication Devices
- Updated Playground Equipment
- Improved Classrooms (new floors, paint, & furniture)



**FREQUENTLY
ASKED QUESTIONS**

IS THIS A TAX INCREASE?

NO! Clinch County sales tax will remain at its current level. The referendum will simply extend the current 1% sales tax for education for an additional 2 years. Collection of this renewal ESPLOST can only begin after the current ESPLOST expires.

**HAVE PREVIOUS ESPLOSTS
BEEN SUCCESSFUL?**

YES!! The Clinch County Board of Education has a creditable record of keeping promises. There have been many facility and equipment improvements using the funds provided by the education sales tax.

**WHAT are ADVANTAGES of
ESPLOST?**

The ESPLOST shares the cost of educational facilities and equipment with visitors and all citizens – not just property owners. Sales tax offsets property tax and helps keep property taxes stable.

**Great Schools
Benefit
Everyone In
Clinch County**

**1¢ EDUCATION
SALES TAX
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November 5, 2019



***Early Voting
Begins
October 14, 2019***

***Must be Registered
to Vote by 10/7/19***

**ESPLOST
FOR EDUCATION**



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**Information for Parents
and Citizens**