

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this a property tax increase?

Yes! Wilkinson County voters are being asked to approve a maximum increase of 1.5 mills property bond referendum to pay the interest for six years on approximately a \$16,200,000 million dollar loan through General Obligation Bonds to build a New High School.

How much would the 1.5 mills cost a taxpayer?

Property owners that own property worth the following will pay **\$100K = \$60/**
\$50K = \$30 / Less than \$50K = \$29 or less

Is this a sales tax increase?

No! Wilkinson County Sales Tax will remain at its current level. This referendum will simply extend the current One Cent sales tax for an additional 5 years. Collection of this renewal of the E-SPLOST can only begin after the current E-SPLOST expires.

What is the State Contribution to the Project?

Wilkinson County qualifies for funding through the capital outlay program, the state will contribute approximately \$4 million dollars to this projected \$21 million dollar project. Continuing to pass the E-SPLOST allows Wilkinson County to take advantage of the available state dollars as well as long term planning.

Two Questions

(1) Property Bond Referendum (1.5 Mills)

And

(2) **Extension** of One Cent Education Special Local Option Sales Tax Referendum

REPLACE A
SCHOOL BUILT
IN 1954!

March 16, 2021
7am-7pm

Early Voting:
February 22 - March 12
8:00am - 5:00pm Daily



VOTE--VOTE--VOTE

Wilkinson County
School District

**Property Bond Referendum
And**

**Extension of Education One
Cent Special Local Option
Sales Tax Referendum**



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Information for
Parents and Citizens

What is an EDUCATION SPLOST (E-SPLOST)?

An "E-SPLOST" is the option for a local system to call a referendum approving a One Cent sales tax for school construction and/or retire bond debt. The penny sales tax spreads the responsibility of educating our children to all citizens and visitors of the community. Anyone who spends money in Wilkinson County is funding the E-SPLOST, regardless of whether or not the person lives in the county.



Previous E-SPLOST Projects

- Current Board of Education
- New Primary-Elementary School
- System-wide Technology Updates
- Bus Purchases
- HVAC Improvements
- The Palace and Auditorium

VOTE--VOTE--VOTE

Facts About Continuing the One Cent Education E-SPLOST:



- **No** new sales taxes
- **Extension** of the current sales tax, **not** an additional tax
- **Renewal** Educational Sales Tax starts after the current Education Sales Tax ends
- Sales tax is **paid by everyone** who shops in Wilkinson County, including visitors
- Provide **modern, safe, and secure** school facilities for Wilkinson County children
- **Quality** schools promote a better future for our students and economic growth for our community.
- Georgia Department of Education will provide approximately **\$4 million dollars** to help build the **New High School**.

What will the continued One Cent Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (E-SPLOST) provide for Wilkinson County students? The proposed projects include

- A modern, safe, and secure Middle/High School that will allow students to have a seamless transition from middle school to high school
- A new comprehensive Career, Technical and Agricultural Education Program Academy (Business, Computer/Technology, Construction, Mechanics, Cosmetology, Health Science)
- A new Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp facility
- Students in grades 6-12 will be housed at the Old Wilkinson County Primary-Elementary School during construction
- This will give every child in the Wilkinson County School District an exceptional opportunity for success and positive experiences