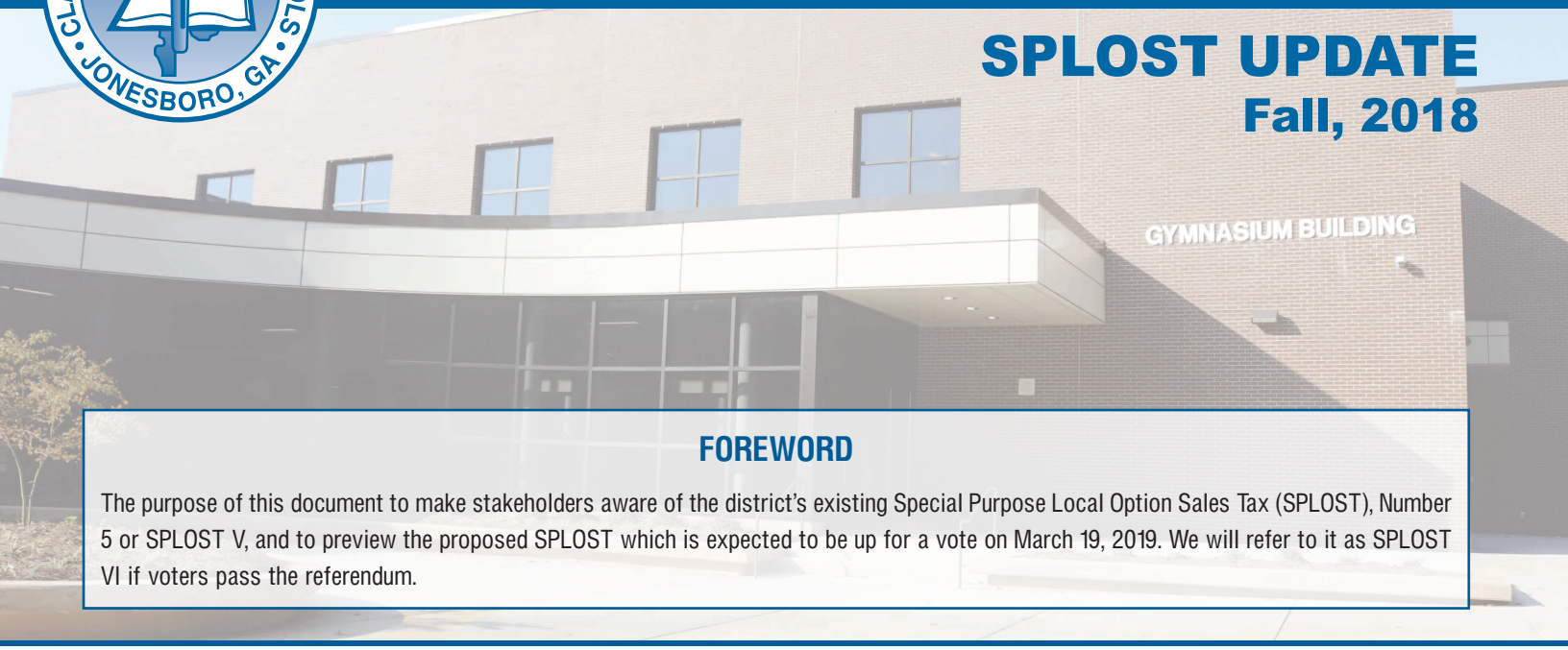
CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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SPLOST UPDATE
Fall, 2018

FOREWORD

The purpose of this document to make stakeholders aware of the district's existing Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), Number 5 or SPLOST V, and to preview the proposed SPLOST which is expected to be up for a vote on March 19, 2019. We will refer to it as SPLOST VI if voters pass the referendum.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT/CEO OF SCHOOLS



Dear parents, friends, and colleagues,

I offer my appreciation to you for taking time to look over this review of our work to meet the needs of our diverse and growing student population. We have been proud to partner with the citizens of Clayton County in our efforts to provide safe environments were our students learn, our teachers teach, and our administrators lead.

Since 1997, the taxpayers of this county have gone to the polls on five different occasions and have overwhelmingly approved a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, or SPLOST, for the district. Through these dollars, we have been able and continue to provide new or renovated facilities, technology, textbooks or instructional resources, and equipment and vehicles for transportation services needed to ensure a culture of high performance for the children of Clayton County.

This document offers a brief account of the expansive work that has been accomplished through SPLOST. These projects, which include completely new campuses and support facilities as well as renovations and/or additions to existing schools, covering the scope of instruction from Pre-Kindergarten to graduation and beyond.

As we continue to wisely and responsibly manage the dollars you have entrusted to us, I thank you for your continued confidence and support. As we look to the future, be assured that our commitment to providing the children and young people of Clayton County with the best education possible will continue to be the basis for our work.

Sincerely,

Dr. Morcease J. Beasley
Superintendent/CEO of Schools
Clayton County Public Schools







SPLOST V ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As we move toward the completion of SPLOST V, it is important to note how truly valuable that one cent tax has been to our growing and expanding school district since collections began in 2015.



Elite Scholars Academy, East Clayton Elementary and the competition gymnasium at Riverdale High School were three completely new structures that were built with SPLOST V funds. Add to this renovation and modification projects at 17 campuses and district facilities, including an intensive HVAC (Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning) replacement program at numerous schools. Most recently, SPLOST V funds were used to ensure a significant reduction in complaints about air conditioning not working during the month of August—one of the hottest months of the year.



In addition to its support of general technology hardware/software expenditures, SPLOST V is providing the financial support for the first phase of Extending Learning Beyond the Classroom, an initiative with a goal of placing a personal learning device (Chromebook) in the hands of each student in grades 3 through 12 by the end of school year 2022. The first phase will support nearly 1,000 students in four pilot schools.

SPLOST V also has funded the purchase of school buses, maintenance vehicles, and textbooks/instructional resources.

THE CURRENT SPLOST V EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2019.

A PUBLIC VOTE OR SPECIAL ELECTION TO CONSIDER A SPLOST RENEWAL WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 19, 2019.



Disclaimer: This is a nonpartisan document developed internally by the staff of Clayton County Public Schools. The information highlighted is only intended to inform stakeholders about the school-based projects and initiatives historically supported by the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax or SPLOST to determine a vote for or against a proposed extension to the current SPLOST referendum during the March 19, 2019 Special Election. Clayton County constituents and vested partners in education should note that if the referendum fails to pass, capitol projects outlined for SPLOST VI will not come to fruition solely based upon general operating funds or approved fiscal budgets by the school system.

ABOUT SPLOST

- On July 1, 1985, Georgia enacted a law which allows school districts to ask voters to authorize collection of a one cent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to provide funding for schools.
- With SPLOST, non-residents pay to support Clayton County schools along with the residents of the county. This allows the tax burden of Clayton residents to be shared amongst both residents and non-residents.
- Currently, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) has a five-year SPLOST that is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2019.
- Preparations are underway to schedule a special election on March 19, 2019 to allow citizens to vote on a proposed extension to the current SPLOST (SPLOST VI).



GOALS FOR SPLOST VI

The list of expenditures that has been established for SPLOST VI is in alignment with the school district's work to embed a culture of high performance throughout our school system. The list was also created in response to the enrollment growth that has been experienced leading up to the year 2020 and the growth anticipated in years to come.

Leading this list are the capital projects. The district will seek to construct a new STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) elementary school, a STEM middle school and a STEM high school. Also on the capital projects list: a college and career academy and an early learning center.

The second largest commitment in the proposed SPLOST VI is in the area of technology as the district is focused on the continued implementation of Extending Learning Beyond the Classroom, with hopes of making this innovative initiative a vibrant part of our instructional program.

Additionally, the purchase of school buses, textbooks or instructional resources, as well as an assortment of facility renovation and refreshment projects round out anticipated expenditures. If the referendum passes, the SPLOST VI collection period would be January 2020 to December 2024, or until collections total $280,250,000, whichever occurs first.



SPLOST HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Since 1997, Clayton County Public Schools has received revenue through a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). There have been five SPLOST referendums approved by the voters of Clayton County to support the expanding infrastructure for our constantly growing school population. The approval of these SPLOSTs have spread the burden of meeting these growth needs beyond the borders of this county. Over $800 million has been collected during the 20-plus years of SPLOSTs.

In addition to retiring bond debt, SPLOST revenues have purchased school buses, district related service vehicles, textbooks, computers, districtwide technological upgrades, and has paid for renovation, refreshment, and modifications for every school facility across the district.



Over the more than 20 years of SPLOST financial support, revenue collected has covered the cost of building 34 new schools and facilities. These projects include:

- 3 high schools
- 5 middle schools
- 7 elementary schools
- 2 primary schools
- 2 multi-level schools
- 1 center for student learning
- 1 center for professional development
- 13 support facilities

This new construction created more than 1,800 instructional units to provide a quality education to the children of Clayton County.

ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH SPLOST V

- East Clayton Elementary (opened August, 2018)
- **Ongoing renovations**: Jonesboro High, Riverdale High, North Clayton Middle, Adamson Middle, Suder, Kilpatrick, Arnold Elementary Schools
- **HVAC upgrades**: Lovejoy High, Mt. Zion High, Babb Middle, Mundy's Mill Middle, Riverdale Middle, and Rex Middle
- Kay R. Pace School of the Arts (opening January, 2019)
- Purchase of school buses, maintenance vehicles, technology and instructional materials
- SPLOST V expires December, 2019

PROPOSED UNDER SPLOST VI

- Construction of Lovejoy STEM Elementary School
- Construction of Forest Park STEM Middle School
- Construction of Morrow STEM High School
- Construction of a College & Career Academy
- Facility renovations and upgrades with HVAC
- Extended Learning Beyond the Classroom (computers for students)
- General Technology Improvements
- Purchase of new school buses

*** $280,250,000.00 Maximum Revenue**

*** January 2020 to December 2024 Collection Period**



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