

What happens if the voters do not approve continuation of the ESPLOST?

If ESPLOST is not approved, many school improvements—such as building upgrades, buses, and technology—could be delayed or canceled.

Without this penny sales tax, the financial burden would likely shift to local property taxes, leaving students with outdated facilities and fewer resources.



What big projects have used ESPLOST funding in the Sumter County School District?

- New roof at Sumter County Primary
- Renovated Sumter County Middle gym
- Three new school buses
- Athletic facility upgrades
- Agriculture Multi-Purpose Facility & Cannery
- New band instruments
- Classroom HVAC improvements
- Security cameras

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*Education Special Purpose
Local Option Sales Tax*

What Is ESPLOST?

ESPLOST is a one-penny sales tax approved by local voters that is dedicated solely to supporting public schools. Unlike property taxes,

ESPLOST is paid by everyone who shops in the county—including visitors—so the cost is shared broadly.

ESPLOST is a way for the community to invest directly in students' futures, ensuring they have the tools, spaces, and resources needed to succeed.



Is the proposed ESPLOST a new tax? How long would it be in effect?

The proposed ESPLOST is not a new tax—it is a continuation of the current one-penny sales tax that supports our schools.

If approved, it would remain in effect for five years, funding essential projects such as facility improvements, technology upgrades, and new buses.

Why is the district renewing the ESPLOST now?

The current ESPLOST will end in 2027. Renewing it in November 2025 would allow the penny sales tax to continue and give Sumter County Schools the ability to move forward with its next major capital project—a new sports complex.

How much will the proposed ESPLOST raise for Sumter County Schools?

In total, \$45,000,000 is estimated to be collected in the ten year period

What will be funded if voters approve a continuation of the sales tax for education?

- Classrooms – Updated furniture, equipment, and learning tools
- Facilities – Renovations and upgrades to keep schools safe, modern, and welcoming
- Technology – More student devices, stronger internet, and up-to-date classroom technology
- Transportation – New buses for safe and reliable student travel
- Security Upgrades – Secure entrances, cameras, and emergency systems
- Athletic Facilities – Construction of a new sporting complex to provide opportunities for student athletes