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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## Stewart County School District Announces ESPLOST Resolution Renewal for 2025

**LUMPKIN, GA -** The Stewart County School District is pleased to announce the upcoming vote to renew the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) on November 5, 2024. The ESPLOST, a one-cent sales tax on consumer goods established by the Georgia Legislature in 1996, is crucial for funding educational improvements in our community.

## **Facts about the ESPLOST:**

- This is not a new tax. Stewart County sales tax will remain at its current level.
- This is an extension of the current sales tax, not an additional tax.
- Renewal of the educational sales tax will start after the current educational sales tax ends.
- Sales tax is paid by everyone who shops in Stewart County.
- Provides modern, safe, secure school facilities for Stewart County students.
- Quality schools promote a better future for our students and economic growth for our community.

## The proposed projects include:

- Purchase of fitness training equipment, including athletics facility upgrades
- Purchase of school buses
- Purchase of equipment and furnishings
- Improvement of playgrounds and playground equipment
- Purchase of textbooks, instructional, and technology equipment
- Upgrade of security monitoring systems
- Land acquisition

Renewing the ESPLOST ensures that Stewart County students have access to quality educational facilities and resources, promoting a better future for our students and fostering economic growth for our community. We encourage all Stewart County citizens to exercise their vote on the ESPLOST renewal on November 5, 2024.

**About Stewart County School District -** Stewart County School District is an equal opportunity employer committed to inclusion and diversity. We take affirmative action to ensure equal opportunity for all applicants, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, Veteran status, or other legally protected characteristics.