

NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF ECHOLS COUNTY
OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AND SALES AND USE TAX
FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES ELECTION ON MAY 19, 2026

1. Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Echols County (the "Board of Education"), acting for and on behalf of the Echols County School District (the "School District"), and by the Echols County Board of Elections and Registration (the "Election Superintendent"), that on May 19, 2026, an election will be held in Echols County to submit to the qualified voters of the School District the following question:

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AND
REIMPOSITION OF 1% EDUCATIONAL SALES TAX

YES Shall the Echols County School District issue general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 to pay the costs of a new performing arts center, a new ag center, and new athletic facilities, AND shall a one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes be reimposed in Echols County for a period of time not to exceed 20 consecutive calendar quarters commencing upon the termination of the one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes presently in effect for the raising of not more than \$1,900,000 for the purpose of funding the payment of (a) a portion of the principal and interest on the above described general obligation bonds, and (b) adding to, renovating, repairing, improving, furnishing and equipping existing school buildings and other buildings and facilities useful and desirable therewith; making system-wide technology improvements; acquiring new school equipment; acquiring new school buses and vehicles; and acquiring any necessary or desirable property, both real and personal, which has an extended useful life?

NO

2. All qualified voters desiring to vote in favor of the question propounded shall vote "Yes" and all qualified voters desiring to vote in opposition of the question propounded shall vote "No."

3. The bonds, if authorized, shall be general obligation debt of the School District and shall be issued in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$6,000,000. The maximum rate or rates of interest on such debt shall not exceed six and one-half percent (6.5%) per annum. The maximum amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of the debt shall be as follows:

Principal Amount		Principal Amount	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Maturing</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Maturing</u>
Year 1	\$180,000	Year 11	\$295,000
Year 2	190,000	Year 12	310,000
Year 3	200,000	Year 13	325,000
Year 4	210,000	Year 14	345,000
Year 5	220,000	Year 15	360,000
Year 6	235,000	Year 16	380,000
Year 7	245,000	Year 17	400,000
Year 8	255,000	Year 18	415,000
Year 9	270,000	Year 19	440,000
Year 10	285,000	Year 20	460,000

The aggregate principal amount of general obligation debt which may be issued pursuant to this Section 3 shall not exceed \$6,000,000. The School District may issue aggregate general obligation debt which is less than \$6,000,000 and reduce the principal amounts maturing which are shown above. The bonds may be issued in one or more series and on one or more dates of issuance as the Board of Education may approve, provided that the aggregate principal amount issued does not exceed \$6,000,000. The bonds may be made subject to redemption prior to maturity, to the extent permitted by law, upon terms and conditions to be determined by the Board of Education.

4. To the extent available, the School District may combine available funds from the State of Georgia with proceeds from the general obligation debt and proceeds received directly from the one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes, and any other available funds, to pay the costs of the capital outlay projects set forth in the form of the ballot question. Plans and specifications for these projects have not been completed and bids have not been received. Depending upon acquisition and construction costs and available funds, the School District may choose which capital outlay projects to undertake or not undertake, or to delay until additional funding is available, to the extent that proceeds of the general obligation debt and sales tax proceeds together with other available funds actually received by the School District, are insufficient to complete any of the capital outlay projects. Such general obligation debt shall be payable from the proceeds of the one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes and from an *ad valorem* tax to be levied within the School District.

5. Reference is hereby made to O.C.G.A. § 36-82-1(d), which provides in part that any brochures, listings, or other advertisements issued by the Board of Education or by any other person, firm, corporation or association with the knowledge and consent of the Board of Education shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the Board of Education concerning the use of bond funds.

6. The election shall be held in accordance with applicable law by the same persons, in the same manner, and under the same rules and regulations that elections for members of the Board of Education are held.

7. The last day to register to vote in the election is Monday, April 20, 2026. Anyone desiring to register may do so by applying in person at the voter registration office located at the 110 Highway 94 E, Statenville, Georgia 31648, or by any other method authorized by the Georgia Election Code.

8. The election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

This 5th day of February, 2026.



Election Superintendent of the
Echols County Board of Elections and Registration

To be published:

Once, at least 90 days prior to May 19, 2026, and
Once a week for five weeks prior to May 19, 2026

ORDER

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF ECHOLS

The undersigned Election Superintendent of the Echols County Board of Elections and Registration, having been furnished with a certified copy of the resolution of the Board of Education of Echols County, adopted on January 23, 2026 requesting the undersigned to call an election on May 19, 2026, relative to the issuance of the general obligation debt and the reimposition of a sales and use tax for educational purposes described in said resolution, does hereby call said election on May 19, 2026, and orders and directs that the form of election notice contained in said resolution and required by law to be published in connection with the election and the issuance of said general obligation debt be published as provided by law.

This 5th day of February, 2026.

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R. W. Church

Election
Superintendent of the Echols County Board of
Elections and Registration