

# Information for Parents and Citizens

## 1¢ EDUCATION SALES TAX REFERENDUM

May 24, 2022



### WHAT IS AN EDUCATION SPLOST (ESPLOST)?

An “E-SPLOST” is the option for a local school system to call a referendum approving a one percent sales tax for school construction and renovations and/or to 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 Charlton County is funding the ESPLOST, regardless of whether or not the person lives in the county or owns property.

### **FACTS ABOUT CONTINUING THE 1¢ EDUCATION SALES TAX**

- E-SPLOST is *not* a new sales tax
- E-SPLOST is simply an extension of the current sales tax (has been in place since 1998)
- Sales tax is paid by everyone who shops in Charlton County, including visitors
- Helps provide modern, safe and secure school facilities for Charlton County children
- Quality schools promote a better future for our students and economic growth for our community

### **What will the continued 1¢ Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) provide for Charlton County students?**

- Helps all school facilities—renovating, repairing, improving, and equipping existing school facilities, including roof and HVAC repairs
- Construction of a new Charlton County High School
- Playground equipment and bus canopy at St. George Elementary, covered pick up area (canopy) at Bethune Middle, re-designed bus/parent pickup loading zone at Folkston Elementary to improve traffic flow.
- Purchase buses, maintenance vehicles, and equipment
- System-wide technology upgrades
- Purchase safety and security equipment
- Purchase of athletic, vocational, and fine arts equipment

✓ Early voting 9:00 am—5:00 pm Beginning May 2, 2022