

## Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Resolution 2021

**WHEREAS**, the student population of Cobb County is expected to continue to increase over the next five years, and

**WHEREAS**, in order to provide students with permanent classroom space for the next five years and beyond, the school district needs to construct new schools and classroom additions at multiple schools, and

**WHEREAS**, some older schools need to be either replaced or refurbished and brought up to the level of current education specifications for facilities, and

**WHEREAS**, technology equipment, such as computers, printers and software, needs to be continually upgraded and refreshed to keep our students learning on current equipment, and

**WHEREAS**, due to HOPE and Pre-K funding requirements, limited funds have been available from the Georgia Lottery to fund K-12 programs or classroom technology, and

**WHEREAS**, school buses and other support vehicles are needed to replace older vehicles and to accommodate increased enrollment, and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to improve school safety by adding access controls, surveillance cameras, security fencing, and replacing outdated communications systems, among other safety precautions, and equally necessary to make renovations and to provide equipment to properly serve students with disabilities pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the State does not provide funding for maintenance for existing schools, and,

**WHEREAS**, sales tax funding is a “pay as you go” approach that incurs no long-term debt with interest payments and allows more tax collections to go directly towards pre-specified classroom capital and technology expenses, and

**WHEREAS**, the current Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) expires on December 31, 2023,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the East Cobb County Council of PTAs supports the continued use of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to fund the construction of educational facilities, school renovations, technology and equipment, safety enhancements and other capital outlay needs;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the East Cobb County Council of PTAs urges its members and the community to vote YES on the ballot question November 2, 2021, to reauthorize the SPLOST for the Cobb County and the Marietta City School Systems.