What is a Capital Plan?

A capital plan outlines the improvements needed to support the school system’s day-to-day operations not directly related to instruction or personnel. This includes the buses our students ride, the construction and renovations of our school learning environments, the technology and equipment used for learning and teaching, the safety enhancements protecting our students, the fields our students play on, and even the furniture students and staff sit on every day.

There are three options for funding a school system’s capital plan:

• **Increase Millage Rates.** The School Board can increase the Maintenance & Operations millage rate, which means higher property taxes.

• **Secure a General Obligation Bond.** The School Board can take out a General Obligation Bond (long-term loan), which also means higher property taxes because millage rates would be increased to pay for the principal and interest.

• **Extend the ESPLOST/Penny Sales Tax.** This pay-as-we-go plan has the least impact on property owners because everyone who shops in Fulton County contributes to funding the capital plan.

Weighing these options, the Fulton County School Board has called for a Nov. 2, 2021, vote on reauthorizing the current ESPLOST (penny sales tax).

**Cambridge High School**
- Energy-efficient LED lighting
- Auditorium audio/visual upgrades
- Artificial turf on practice field
- Stadium turf and track replacement
- I.T. continuity improvements

**Hopewell Middle School** *
- Energy-efficient LED lighting
- I.T. continuity improvements

**Birmingham Falls Elementary School**
- Energy-efficient LED lighting
- I.T. continuity improvements

**Cogburn Woods Elementary School** *
- Energy-efficient LED lighting
- HVAC system upgrades
- I.T. continuity improvements

**Summit Hill Elementary School** ▲*
- Casework (cabinetry) and classroom accessories
- Flooring
- Plumbing/restrooms
- HVAC system upgrades
- Electrical
- Misc. equipment
- Site improvements
- Energy-efficient LED lighting
- I.T. continuity improvements

▲ Major renovation planned for Capital Plan 2027; scope/schedule may be adjusted as needed
■ Infrastructure/minor renovation planned for Capital Plan 2027
* Minor renovation completed during Capital Plan 2022 (ESPLOST V)
FACILITIES

Replacement Schools
- S.L. Lewis Elementary School
- Camp Creek Middle School
- North Springs High School

Replacement/Reconfiguration (planning ongoing)
- Holcomb Bridge Middle School
- Haynes Bridge Middle School

K-8 Instructional Model
FCS also is studying the possible conversion of some existing schools to a K-8 instructional model. Collaborative information sessions will be held during the 2021-2022 school year.

Renovations
- Major renovation projects planned for 18 schools and two non-instructional facilities, with improvements such as roofing, casework/classroom accessories, flooring, ceilings, plumbing/restrooms, HVAC system, fire alarm and/or intercom, electrical, freezer/cooler, and site improvements.
- Additional 18 schools to receive similar infrastructure (minor renovation) improvements, but on a smaller scale.

DISTRICT-WIDE INVESTMENTS

TECHNOLOGY

- Desktop computers/laptops tablets (collectively ‘devices’) to support students, teachers and staff in class and at work
- Interactive classroom technology
- Online digital curriculum and content
- Instructional technology professional development
- Information security and safety
- Network infrastructure and technology support
- Support for virtual learning initiatives

SAFETY & SECURITY

- Replacement of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)
- Installation of door keycard access controls for school staff
- Integration of door buzzer systems with video systems
- Replacement IP cameras for existing video systems
- Replacement safety gear for school police officers, including ballistic vests and radios
- Replacement of vehicles needed for emergency response
- Installation of safety and security window film

TRANSPORTATION

- Replacement of diesel buses with propane-powered school buses with student seat belts
- Replacement of equipment, including upgrades to automated fuel management system, shop equipment, and bus cameras/communication systems
- Replacement of support vehicles

FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT

- Purchase of furniture/equipment needed to support curriculum needs as well as for schools under construction
- Replacement of furniture/equipment no longer in useable condition

More information at www.fultonschools.org/ESPLOST