Rockdale County Public Schools

RCPS

E-SPLOST VI

Facts and Information

December 2023

Education
Special
Purpose
Local
Option
Sales
Tax

What is E-SPLOST?

It is a one penny sales tax that allows for shared contribution to education, including visitors to the county who spend money on gas, food, hotels, and retail items.

What Can E-SPLOST be used for?

✓ **Capital expenditures**

✓ **Debt retirement**

RCPS is a debt –free school system.

E-SPLOST VI will continue a twenty-five-year collection of pennies for public education in Rockdale County

Information & Process

E-SPLOST V = $85 million

> Collection period beginning April 2019

> Collection period ended September 2023

E-SPLOST VI = $135 million

> Collection period beginning July 2024

> Collection period ending July 2029

E-SPLOST History in Rockdale County

- E-SPLOST I   Goal $58,952,117 Collected $58,602,335 99%

- E-SPLOST II   Goal $79,555,700 Collected $65,596,999 83%

- E-SPLOST III Goal $94,804,445 Collected $69,843,000 74%

- E-SPLOST IV Goal $83,600,000 Collected $75,281,116 89%

- E-SPLOST V   Goal $85,000,000 Collected $85,000.00+ 100%

- E-SPLOST VI Proposed $135,000,000

E-SPLOST VI
Proposed Capital Projects

Safety and Security

RCPS Strategic Plan: Goal Area IV

Teaching and Learning

RCPS Strategic Plan: Goal Area II

Technology
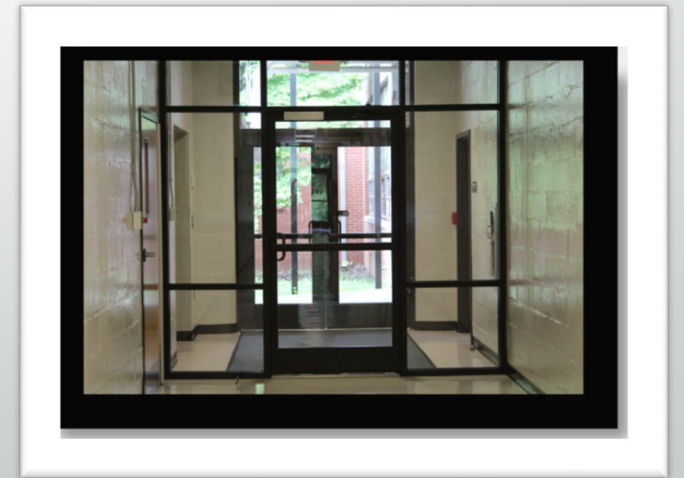
RCPS Strategic Plan: Goal Areas II and V

Facilities

RCPS Strategic Plan: Goal Area V

Safety and Security

Communications / Surveillance Equipment

- Security camera upgrades/expansions
- Expand key card access (interior, general use areas)
- Add buzz-in door options at front desks

Safety and Security
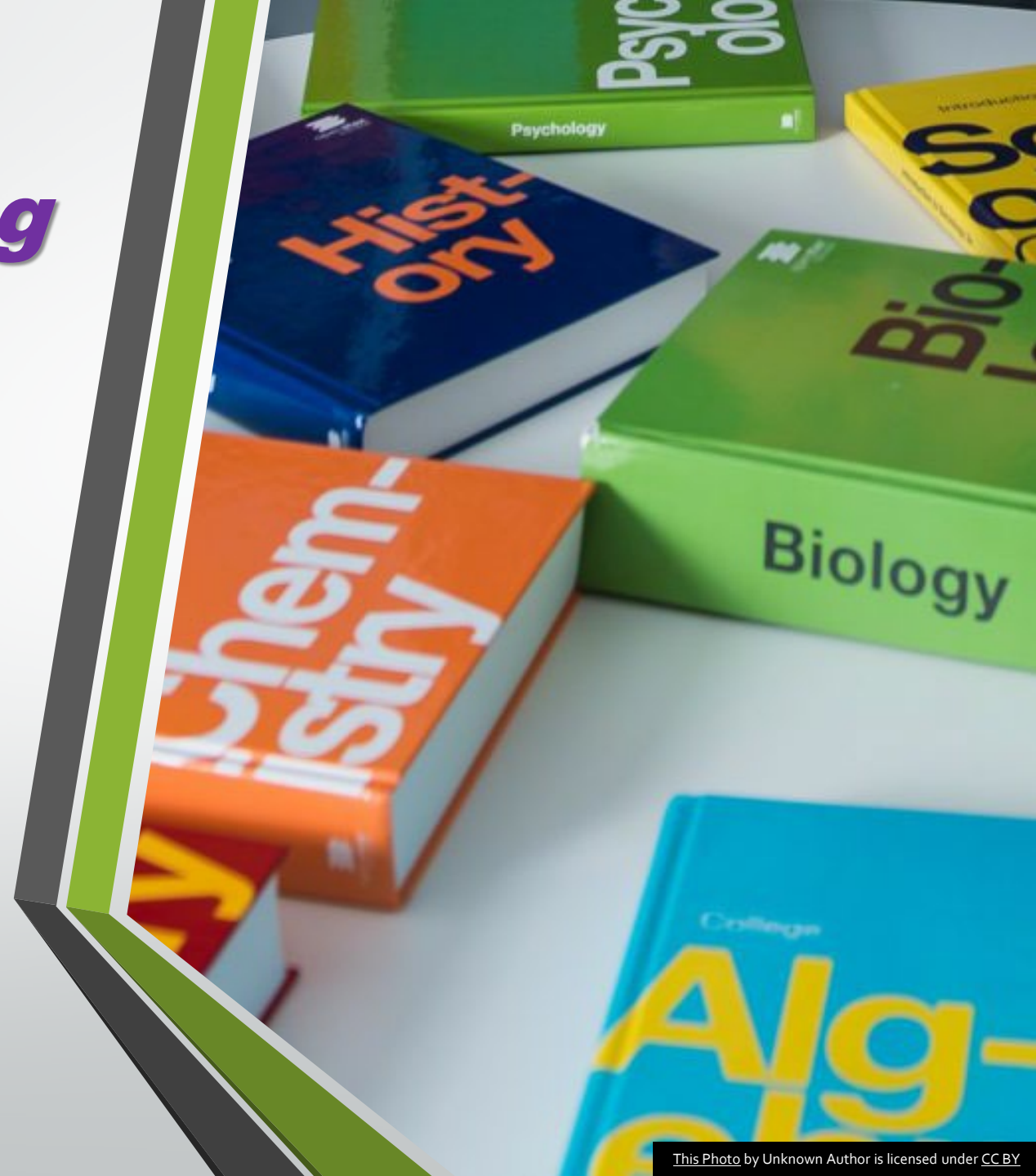
Safety and Security Equipment

- Replace select AEDs districtwide
- Security vehicles replaced through the district fleet rolldown process
- Open Gate purchases for all site locations

Teaching and Learning

Instructional Supplies

- **Textbooks**

Teaching and Learning

Specialty and School Programs

- Band uniform replenish

- Athletic safety equipment and uniforms

- Musical instruments

- Miscellaneous art program equipment

- Film career pathway space for training and equipment

Technology

Learning Reimagined 1:1 program

- Replacement cycle for student laptops, grades 2-12
- Replacement cycle for student iPads, grades Pre-K – 1
- Replacement cycle for teacher laptops
- Replacement cycle for staff laptops

Technology

- Infrastructure upgrades
- Classroom modernization
- Wireless network
- Administration computers

Facilities

Athletic Upgrades/Refurbishing

- Protective athletic equipment
- Digital scoreboards
- Gym floors
- Baseball / softball fields
- Track refresh
- HHS gym

Facilities

- **Upgrading the Fleet**
  - ✓ **Buses**
  - ✓ **Fleet Vehicles**

- **Local Facilities Plan - Site Improvements**:
  - ✓ HVAC Upgrades
  - ✓ LED Lighting
  - ✓ Back-up Power Gen
  - ✓ Painting
  - ✓ Pavement/parking lot striping
  - ✓ Signage
  - ✓ Flooring
  - ✓ Power upgrades

- **Potential Land Purchase for Future Schools**

Completed Projects from E-SPLOST I and II

E-SPLOST I

- Barksdale Elementary additional land and stage

- Roofing at BES, FSE, and HHS

- RCHS Auditorium, Additions, and Renovations

- HHS and SHS Auditorium Additions

- Peek's Chapel Elementary

- Evans Stadium at HHS

- Debt retirement

- Bus facility maintenance and underground fuel storage

E-SPLOST II

- The Rockdale Career Academy and additions

- General Ray Davis Middle School

- C. J. Hicks Elementary School

- Athletic facility improvements at RCHS, HHS, and SHS

- Fine Arts Addition at HHS

- Alpha Academy and County Office Renovations

- Technology Infrastructure

- Debt Retirement

- Buses

- Painting, paving, and energy efficient retrofits throughout the district

Completed Projects from E-SPLOST III and IV

E-SPLOST III

- SHS Addition
- RCHS Annex Renovation for Magnet Program
- PSE Renovations
- CMS Expansion and Renovations
- EMS Expansion and Renovations
- MMS Renovations
- RCHS Gym Addition and Renovations
- Land Acquisition for future school
- Technology and Security Upgrades
- Buses
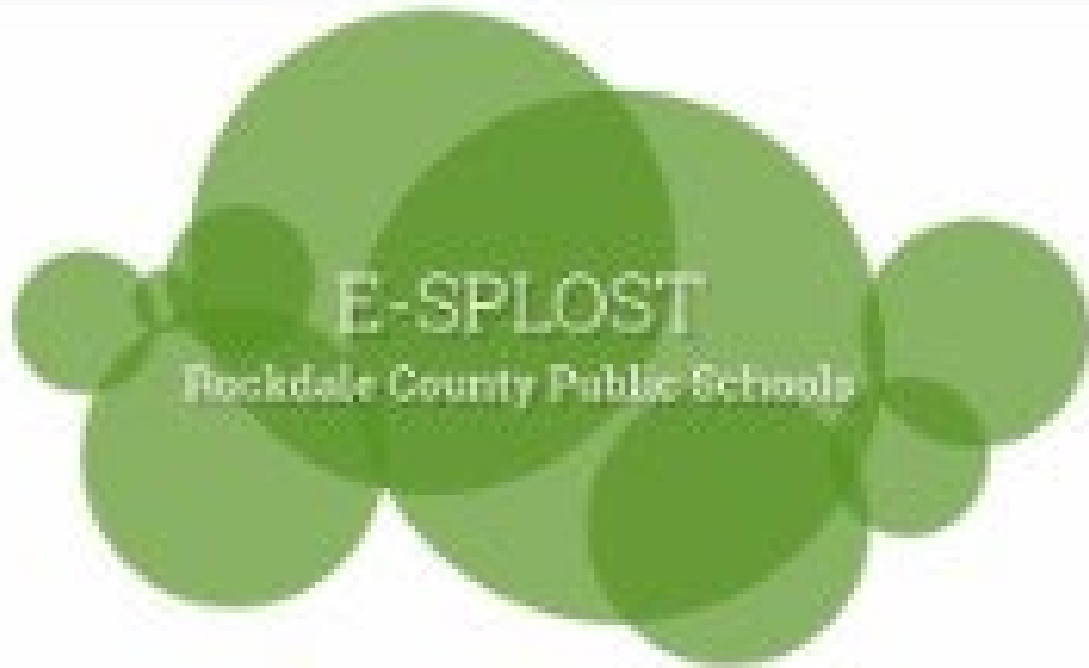- Painting, Warehouse and Transportation Facility Renovations

E-SPLOST IV

- Pine Street Elementary
- Track / Turf Fields - RCHS, HHS, and SHS
- Technology - One to One Devices
- Security Vestibules
- Security Access Control at all schools
- GPS Tracking for Buses
- Band Uniforms - for RCHS, HHS, and SHS
- Land Acquisition for JHH
- Specialty Program Equipment and Facility Upgrades
- Painting and Fleet Upgrades
- New JHH (in progress)
- Renovate County Office and Old PSE (in progress)

Completed Projects from E-SPLOST V

E-SPLOST V

- HVAC updates at Lorraine ES, Memorial MS, Rockdale County HS, and Salem HS
- Re-roof projects at Rockdale County HS, Salem HS, Memorial HS, Lorraine ES
- Backup generators installed at school sites throughout the District
- 15 schools painted on the seven-year paint schedule
- HVAC controls installed through out the District
- LED lighting installation throughout the District is underway – TBC E-SPLOST VI
- New ceilings and grids at eight schools is scheduled

- HHS and SHS baseball field lighting upgrades completed
- Paving and striping throughout the District is ongoing
- Tennis courts at RCHS and middle schools refurbished; added Pickleball stripping
- Digital cameras purchased/installed in all school locations.
- Stadium tracks repainted and refreshed
- Carpet and VCT replaced at schools in all three tiers
- Specialty programs updates completed (i.e. CJH Reading Program)

E-SPLOST, The Power of a Penny!

https://youtu.be/qwBSIMHUqoE

E-SPLOST VI Timeline

August 2023 - E-SPLOST VI process and timeline discussions.

August 2023 - Solicited input on items to be considered in E-SPLOST VI.

August 2023 – Formation of E-SPLOST VI committee.

September 2023 – Executive Cabinet review of the E-SPLOST VI project list.

October 19, 2023 - Board adopted a resolution calling for an E-SPLOST VI referendum.

November 2023 - Resolution sent to the Board of Elections.

January/February 2024 - E-SPLOST VI Campaign by Committee.

March 12, 2024 - E-SPLOST VI Election date.