ESPLOST is an Education Special Local Option Sales Tax. This is a one percent sales tax that generates funds for the school system. These funds can be used by school systems to renovate buildings, build new facilities, improve bus fleets, and upgrade HVAC systems.

What will we use these funds for?

1. **SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS**
   The orderly operations of our school district is the number one priority. Ensuring our students are safe requires continuous upgrades of the security system. We must continue to update these systems in order to efficiently protect our students and staff from any threat.

2. **UPGRADED SECURITY VEHICLES**
   This is to support efficient operations of our School Resource Officers.

3. **ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM UPGRADES**
   We want to make sure we have the highest level of security for students, staff and visiting parents.

4. **RENOVATIONS WITH A FOCUS ON EMS**
   The middle school is the oldest school in our district. Renovations are a must. The goal is to bring it up to 21st century standards for efficiency and 21st century learning.

5. **RENOVATIONS FOR THE IGAL ACADEMY**
   A 22nd century designed learning model created by teachers and students. Centered around project based and inquiry based learning experiences.

6. **ENERGY EFFICIENT BUSES**
   Propane buses are cost efficient, low maintenance and durable. It cuts cost anywhere from 20-30% compared to our current bus fleet.

7. **ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING**
   LED lighting is a cost reduction measure. They are more efficient and add to the aesthetic appeal to the school setting. This correlates to better learning.

8. **ATHLETIC FACILITY UPGRADES**
   Washington County School System is an A plus school district as it relates to Academics, Arts, and Athletics. We believe in developing the whole child and having our children perform in the best facilities possible. We also want to embody being the school of choice. Hosting our fellow teams in facilities that show us in the best light is very important.

9. **TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES**
   Technology requirements change every 5 years with software/hardware and infrastructure needs. In order to produce competitive 21st Century Students, cutting edge technology is a must!

10. **SCHOOL GENERATORS AND HVAC SYSTEMS**
    These updates are necessary to ensure a safe and comfortable environment for optimal learning.

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THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

This is a renewal of the current ESPLOST.

Tourists, Visitors, and Commuters contribute to ESPLOST.

These funds can only be used for certain projects.

These funds cannot be used for day-to-day expenses.

Projects funded by ESPLOST dollars maximizes your tax dollars.

YOUR ESPLOST DOLLARS HAVE FUNDED:

- Construction of Ridge Road Primary & Elementary Complex
- Renovation and construction of Washington County High School- Phase I
- Construction of Washington County High School- Phase II
- Upgrading some HVAC Systems
- Property Paving & Fencing
- Signage Upgrades

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!