

BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Dr. Dan A Sims, Superintendent

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

To: Bibb County Board of Education, Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent
From: Sam Kitchens, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Subject: ESPLOST Advisory Committee Summary Report

Background

As part of Policy BBF, the regulation provides for summaries of the ESPLOST Advisory Committee. The following is a summary report from the Third Quarterly Meeting held on August 5, 2025.

Summary

Summary of Third Quarterly Meeting held on August 5, 2025:

- Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Sam Kitchens called the meeting to order at 4:37 PM.
- No action items were submitted by committee to review.
- 2021 ESPLOST:
 - Collected the maximum for 2021 ESPLOST in the amount of \$185,000,000.
 - The Fine Arts Center was removed from list, and the funds were reallocated to other projects (Technology, Athletic and Innovation and Technology Academy). The two reasons for removing the Fine Arts Center were (a) funds originally budgeted were not adequate to complete the project as construction costs have continuously increased since preliminary budgets were defined and (b) two new performing arts centers have been built, and existing auditoriums are being upgraded to satisfy school needs.
- 2026 ESPLOST Presentation
 - This will be the fifth five year ESPLOST.
 - The ESPLOST Campaign Committee is independent of the School District. They will raise the funds to be deposited in independent accounts. BCSD will attend public meetings to provide impacts of previous ESPLOSTS and to answer any questions.
 - Reviewed ESPLOST power point slides with the Committee.
 - Proposed 2026 ESPLOST is \$250,000,000 including a 10% contingency.

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- Public meetings are proposed to begin in October 2025, for public education and Q/A opportunities regarding the proposed 2026 ESPLOST.
- Mr. Daryl Morton mentioned that studies show that approximately 70% of sales tax comes from people living outside of Bibb County.

Conclusion and Comments:

- Mr. Kitchens reminded committee members to submit any proposed agenda items, questions or concerns to the Committee Chair to have them placed on the agenda.
- Mr. Kitchens asked if there was any new business. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Next Steps:

Next quarterly meeting shall be held on November 3, 2025. The information memo will then be presented to the Board on September 18, 2025.