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The Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts, as required by the Official Code of Georgia §50-6-32, has posted the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Report to the searchable website. **We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Report and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on this information.**

# What are 4th graders thankful for?

## Family & pets top list

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The *Progress* asked Mrs. Justice's 4th ELA grade class from Hill City Elementary what they are thankful for this Thanksgiving holiday. Family ranked a clear first, with food, pets and friends coming in second.

"I am thankful for my family. I'm also thankful for food, my house and my friends." – Rhett T.

"I am thankful for my family because without them none of this would have happened and I wouldn't be able to experience these activities." – Nolan K.

"I am thankful for my family because my family makes me glad when I'm down. Also I'm thankful for food because it keeps me alive." Mali B.

"I am thankful for my family because they always make me feel special, and

they work so hard to make me happy." – Omar M.

"I am thankful for my family because they are nice and they make yummy food every year for Thanksgiving. I am thankful for my teacher Mrs. Justice because she is nice and she give us courage." RJ O.

"I am thankful for having a family. I am thankful for going to the beach." Kayke C.

"I am thankful for my sister, my mom and my dad because they are the best," Kynzie M.

"I am thankful for my family my house, pets and the food I eat." Elijah W.

"I am thankful for my family for buying me Thanksgiving stuff. My parents give Thanksgiving stuff all the time." Bentley D.

"I am thankful for my family, like my mom and dad. I'm thankful for my food that I eat. I am thankful for my house that I live in." Joel L.

"I'm thankful for my family. My mom makes me food, by dad plays basketball with

me, my sister comforts me when I'm sad, and my brother wrestles with me." Chelsea R.

"I am thankful for my family and friends. I am also thankful for my teachers including Mrs. Justice. I'm also thankful for Pickens County and where I live" Finley O.

"I am thankful for a life. I also am thankful for family." Sophie H.

"I am thankful for my cats, Bill and Trevor. I am also thankful for my family, friends and my teachers." Caroline W.

"I am thankful for my family. I am also thankful for everything they have done

for me. I'm also thankful for everything they have done for me. I'm thankful for all of my friends too." Samuel S.

"I am thankful for my family, my cat and my guinea pig." Joxie M.

"I am thankful for my family and the roof that I live under. I'm thankful for all the things I have." Riley L.

"Yo aira que my familia estubiera bien en tos estos momentos osea para toda la vida y eso me aria feliz." Alexa

"I am thankful for my family. Also I am thankful for friends and the earth." Hudson H.



## Parish Lowrie Insurance & Financial Services named Business of the Month



Congratulations to Parish Lowrie Insurance & Financial Services, Inc., Parish Lowrie State Farm for being named Business of the Month for November.

Parish opened his office in 2006 and joined the Chamber that same year.

They are actively involved with the Chamber and Parish is serving his second term on board of directors. He is also active in our community; Parish currently serves as the vice-chair of the Jasper Downtown Development Authority and volunteers his time to the Jasper

Downtown Live concert series.

Parish Lowrie State Farm has grown nearly 344% in the last 17 years, an average of 20% per year. Parish and his team attempt to give back to the community at a high level. They believe that doing so is their way of saying "thank you" for all the love that has been shown to them over the years.

Community Bank of Pickens County is proud to sponsor the Business of the Month Program with the Pickens County Chamber Member FDIC.

PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023							
SPLIST V PROJECT	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1)	CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2)	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3) (4)	EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3) (4)	TOTAL COMPLETION COST	EXCESS PROCEEDS NOT EXPENDED
The acquisition and installation of new technology, \$ textbooks, and equipment for all educational facilities.	4,000,000.00 \$	5,057,014.44	Complete	\$ 288,540.92	4,788,473.52 \$	5,057,014.44 \$	0.00
The acquisition of new school buses, vehicles, and \$ transportation equipment including but not limited to modifications to existing school buses.	3,300,000.00 \$	2,862,051.80	Complete	\$ 672,000.00	2,190,051.80 \$	2,862,051.80 \$	0.00
The construction and equipping of additional classroom \$ space and related facilities on the campus of Pickens High School and the renovation, repair, construction, modification and equipping of buildings and facilities located on the campus of Pickens High School.	5,500,000.00 \$	16,036,198.86	Complete	\$ 2,517,830.43	13,518,368.43 \$	16,036,198.86 \$	0.00
The construction and equipping of additional classroom \$ space and related facilities on the campus of Jasper Elementary School and the renovation, repair, construction, modification and equipping of buildings and facilities located on the campus of Jasper Elementary School.	1,700,000.00 \$	121,692.52	Complete	\$ 1,865.48	119,827.04 \$	121,692.52 \$	0.00
The construction and equipping of additional classroom \$ space and related facilities on the campus of Tate Elementary School; the renovation, repair, construction, modification and equipping of buildings and facilities located on the campus of Tate Elementary School; the renovation, repair, construction, modification and equipping of buildings located on the campus of Tate Elementary School; the renovation, modification, construction and equipping of cafeteria, lunchroom and kitchen facilities located on the campus of Tate Elementary School;	1,500,000.00 \$	387,425.02	Complete	\$ 122,730.43	264,694.59 \$	387,425.02 \$	0.00
The construction and equipping of additional classroom \$ space and related facilities on the campus of Pickens County Middle School; the renovation, repair, construction, modification and equipping of buildings and facilities located on the campus of Pickens County Middle School;	6,000,000.00 \$	14,075,732.77	Complete	\$ 173,465.02	13,902,267.75 \$	14,075,732.77 \$	0.00
The construction and equipping of additional classroom \$ space and related facilities on the campus of Jasper Middle School; the renovation, repair, construction, modification and equipping of buildings and facilities located on the campus of Jasper Middle School;	1,000,000.00 \$	5,577.00	Complete	\$ 0.00	5,577.00 \$	5,577.00 \$	0.00
The construction and equipping of additional classroom \$ space and related facilities on the campus of Hill City Elementary School; the renovation, repair, construction, modification and equipping of buildings and facilities located on the campus of Hill City Elementary School;	3,000,000.00 \$	125,053.77	Complete	\$ 107,113.77	17,940.00 \$	125,053.77 \$	0.00
The construction and equipping of additional classroom \$ space and related facilities on the campus of Harmony Elementary School; the renovation, repair, construction, modification and equipping of buildings and facilities located on the campus of Harmony Elementary School;	1,500,000.00 \$	176,855.96	Complete	\$ 132,207.96	44,648.00 \$	176,855.96 \$	0.00
Renovations and modifications to existing educational \$ facilities and the acquisition and installation of equipment at all other educational facilities;	1,500,000.00 \$	246,055.87	Complete	\$ 56,862.40	189,193.47 \$	246,055.87 \$	0.00
The acquisition and purchase of real estate; the \$ preparation, acquisition, and payment of engineering plans, specifications, and other preliminary construction costs associated with the building of a new school facility;	500,000.00 \$	0.00	Complete	\$ 0.00	0.00 \$	0.00 \$	0.00
The payment of principal and interest on bonds.	\$ 500,000.00	0.00	Complete	\$ 0.00	0.00 \$	0.00 \$	0.00
<b>Subtotal SPLIST V FY23 Projects</b>	<b>\$ 30,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,093,658.01</b>		<b>\$ 4,052,418.41</b>	<b>\$ 35,041,241.60</b>	<b>\$ 39,093,658.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>

(1) The School District's original cost estimate as specified in the resolution calling for the imposition of the Local Option Sales Tax.  
(2) The School District's current estimate of total cost for the projects. Includes all cost from project inception to completion.  
(3) The voters of Pickens County approved the imposition of a 1% sales tax to fund the above projects and retire associated debt. Amounts expended for these projects may include sales tax proceeds, state, local property taxes and/or other funds over the life of the projects.  
(4) In addition to the expenditures shown above, the School District has incurred interest to provide advance funding as follows:

Prior Years	\$	
Current Year	\$	0.00
Total	\$	0.00

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SPLIST VI PROJECT	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1)	CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2)	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3) (4)	EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3) (4)	TOTAL COMPLETION COST	EXCESS PROCEEDS NOT EXPENDED
The acquisition and installation of new technology and \$ equipment for all educational facilities.	5,000,000.00 \$	5,000,000.00	12/31/26	\$ 129,751.00	0.00 \$	129,751.00 \$	4,870,249.00
The acquisition of new school buses, vehicles, and \$ transportation equipment including but not limited to modifications to existing school buses.	4,000,000.00 \$	4,000,000.00	12/31/26	\$ 234,060.95	0.00 \$	234,060.95 \$	3,765,939.05
The construction and equipping of additional classroom \$ space and related facilities on the campus of Pickens High School and the renovation, repair, construction, modification and equipping of buildings and facilities located on the campus of Pickens High School.	10,000,000.00 \$	10,000,000.00	12/31/26	\$ 214,179.44	0.00 \$	214,179.44 \$	9,785,820.56
The construction and equipping of additional classroom \$ space and related facilities on the campus of Tate Elementary School; the renovation, repair, construction, modification and equipping of buildings and facilities located on the campus of Tate Elementary School.	2,000,000.00 \$	2,000,000.00	12/31/26	\$ 50,200.00	0.00 \$	50,200.00 \$	1,949,800.00
The construction and equipping of additional classroom \$ space and related facilities on the campus of Pickens Junior High School; the renovation, repair, construction, modification and equipping of buildings and facilities located on the campus of Pickens Junior High School;	2,000,000.00 \$	2,000,000.00	12/31/26	\$ 25,411.25	0.00 \$	25,411.25 \$	1,974,588.75
The construction and equipping of additional classroom \$ space and related facilities on the campus of Jasper Middle School; the renovation, repair, construction, modification and equipping of buildings and facilities located on the campus of Jasper Middle School;	5,000,000.00 \$	5,000,000.00	12/31/26	\$ 23,124.00	0.00 \$	23,124.00 \$	4,976,876.00
The construction and equipping of additional classroom \$ space and related facilities on the campus of Hill City Elementary School; the renovation, repair, construction, modification and equipping of buildings and facilities located on the campus of Hill City Elementary School;	2,000,000.00 \$	2,000,000.00	12/31/26	\$ 0.00	0.00 \$	0.00 \$	2,000,000.00
The construction and equipping of additional classroom \$ space and related facilities on the campus of Harmony Elementary School; the renovation, repair, construction, modification and equipping of buildings and facilities located on the campus of Harmony Elementary School;	2,000,000.00 \$	2,000,000.00	12/31/26	\$ 0.00	0.00 \$	0.00 \$	2,000,000.00
Renovations and modifications to existing educational \$ facilities and the acquisition and installation of equipment at all other educational facilities	2,000,000.00 \$	2,000,000.00	12/31/26	\$ 18,909.00	0.00 \$	18,909.00 \$	1,981,091.00
The acquisition and purchase of real estate; the \$ preparation, acquisition, and payment of engineering plans, specifications, and other preliminary construction costs associated with the building of a new school facility.	1,000,000.00 \$	1,000,000.00	12/31/26	\$ 0.00	0.00 \$	0.00 \$	1,000,000.00
<b>Subtotal SPLIST VI FY23 Projects</b>	<b>\$ 35,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,000,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 695,635.64</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 695,635.64</b>	<b>\$ 34,304,364.36</b>
<b>Grand Total SPLIST V and VI FY23 Projects</b>	<b>\$ 65,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 74,093,658.01</b>		<b>\$ 4,748,052.05</b>	<b>\$ 35,041,241.60</b>	<b>\$ 39,789,293.65</b>	<b>\$ 34,304,364.36</b>

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