

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What projects would be included?

- A 9th Grade Academy** located in "Building B" of the Pike Annex on HWY 19s to prepare students for high school. Less than ½ the cost of modifying the existing High School to accommodate all students. Details below
- Stadium Improvements;** including required ADA compliance, press box and restrooms on both sides, ticket booth, concessions and expanded seating.
- Track and Field Facility;** replace existing asphalt track with new asphalt track with lines and fencing. We will now be able to hold track and field events to include shot put, long jump, etc.
- Resurface and stripe **Tennis Courts.** New nets and posts.
- Middle School **Softball Field** to include grading, drainage, fencing, dugouts, lights, scoreboard and PA.
- New **School Buses** (10)

### 2. Cost and Funding?

Initial estimates are a little over 7 million dollars. The bond that paid for Pike County High School is almost complete. To accomplish these projects we can continue the current millage rate of the retiring bond and add another .8 mills. The total of the existing and new millage would total 1.6 mills. The net effect on a home with a taxable value of \$150,000 would be about \$3.50 a month.

### 3. Why Can't ESPLOST Fund?

ESPLOST was divided into two phases. Phase one included a two-million dollar technology infrastructure upgrade, an Agriculture STEM building, HVAC renovation, roof repairs, and the renovations necessary to re-open the Auditorium. The recession lessened the amount of sales revenue collections by almost 1/3, which did not provide enough revenue to complete phase two projects. ESPLOST does not end for another 3 years but can only be used for the planned projects.

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### 4. Why So Many Buses?

The fleet is old-67% of the busses are older than 10 years. Maintenance costs continue to rise as the fleet ages and deteriorates. Many of the repairs are ½ the cost of a new bus. The new busses will replace busses that range from 20-22 years old. We need safe and reliable transportation for our children.

### 5. Why A 9th Grade Academy?

Pike County High School is at capacity. To avoid adding modular classrooms, or the huge cost of a second floor, the most financially prudent route is to re-open an existing facility. The cost savings are estimated to exceed 4 million dollars and provide enough high school classrooms for the foreseeable future. The most impactful benefit of this arrangement is the ability to meet the unique needs of 9th graders during this critical transition year. The 9th Grade Academy's goal is to create a dynamic and innovative instructional program to ensure that 100% of all 9th graders are "on-track" for the 10th grade.

### 6. Stadium Improvements?

The goal is to build a concession stand and restroom facility, along with expanded visitor seating, a press box on both the home and visitor side, restrooms on the visitor side and ensure ADA compliance throughout the entire facility.

### 7. Why Track and Field?

The current track has deteriorated. It is no longer adequate to meet the needs of our track and field athletes. We are not able to host home track events. The new field will enable us to host track and field events while adding additional events we were unable to host in the past (shot put, long jump, etc.) while also repairing the existing track for other events and in support of our community.

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## 9th Grade Academy

The 9th grade academy will open in the Pike Annex "Building B" next to the auditorium. Scope will include:

- Classroom Modifications
- Upgraded Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Systems
- New Flooring
- New Ceilings
- Painting
- Parking Area Upgrades
- New Fire Alarm
- New Intercom System
- Technology Upgrades

## Stadium Upgrades

- New Ticket Booth and Restrooms
- New Press Box and Restrooms for Home Side
- New Press Box and Restrooms for Visitor Side
- ADA Upgrades
- New Concessions Areas

## Resurface Track and Install Field Event Stations

- Resurface Existing Asphalt Track and Restripe.
- New Field Event Stations such as Shot Put, Long Jump, etc...
- New Fencing Around Track Area.

## Tennis Courts

- Resurface and Restripe Existing Tennis Courts at High School
- New Nets and Posts for Tennis Courts

## New Softball Field at Middle School

- New Field Construction
- Fencing
- Lighting
- Public Address System
- Scoreboards
- Dugouts

