

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

"Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow."

- Edward Sandford Martin

# News from under the Golden Dome

Monday, November 15, 2021, marked the start of the third week of the 2021 special session. The Senate Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment Committee, along with other Senate committees, also continued to hold meetings to review legislation. After an eventful week here at the Capitol, we are quickly approaching the finish line of this special legislative session.



Senator Dean Burke

The House gave final approval to Senate Bill 1EX on Monday, and this bill would update the map for the 56 state Senate districts. Likewise, the state Senate recently passed the map for the 180 state House districts, House Bill 1EX, on Friday, Nov. 12. Both bills have been sent to the Governor's desk to be signed into law.

Since the district maps for the Georgia General Assembly have passed in both chambers, we spent the majority of last week examining proposed maps for Georgia's U.S. Congressional districts. Like the state House and Senate maps, our 14 congressional districts will need to comply with the influx of new residents, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the traditional principles of redistricting. House and Senate leadership jointly released a proposed congressional map last week and then introduced separate bills in their respective chambers with

this proposed congressional map.

The Senate bill for the updated congressional map, Senate Bill 2EX, passed out of their chamber on Friday and was immediately transmitted to the House. The House gavelled into session Saturday morning for procedural purposes, and the House Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment Committee also met and approved the legislation. You can view the proposed congressional map on this page.

We anticipate that the House will vote on SB 2EX on Monday, and if passed, the special session will adjourn that day. You can learn more about the redistricting process and view all of the current and proposed maps on the nonpartisan Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment Office's webpage at <https://www.legis.ga.gov/joint-office/reapportionment>

I remain dedicated to serving your interests as your State Senator

Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts or concerns on pending issues, or whenever I can be of service.

You can also stay in touch by visiting our website to watch a live stream of the Senate in action, as well as archived committee meetings, and review legislation that we are considering.

Follow me on facebook for updates throughout the year.

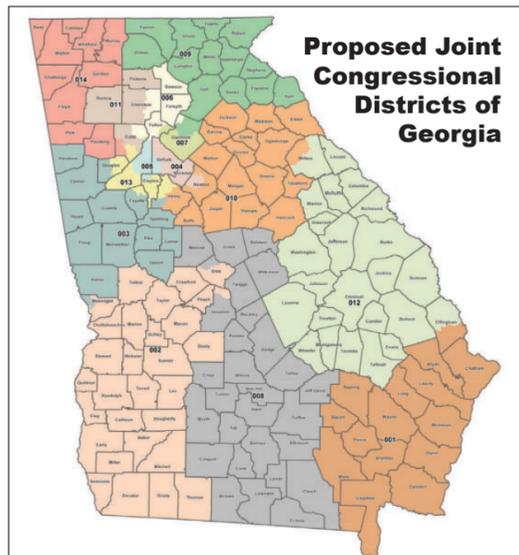
I am honored to serve Senate District 11. Thank you for allowing me to be your Senator.

Sincerely,  
Senator Dean Burke



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*Happy Thanksgiving*

May your day be filled with laughter, love, family, friends and delicious food.

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**City of Donalsonville Holiday Sanitation Collection Schedule**

**THANKSGIVING**

If Regular	Holiday
Collection is on:	Collection will be on:
Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021	Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021
Friday, Nov. 26, 2021	Monday, Nov. 29, 2021

Please have your roll cans at curbside by 8:00 a.m. on the dates provided, and leave it there until it is serviced.

Thank you for your cooperation,

## Attorney General joins investigation into Instagram

Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr recently joined a nationwide investigation into Meta Platforms, Inc., formerly known as Facebook, for providing and promoting its social media platform - Instagram - to children and young adults despite knowing that such use is associated with physical and mental health harms. Attorneys General across the country are examining whether the company violated state consumer protection laws and put the public at risk.

"We have become increasingly concerned with Meta possibly marketing to Georgia's children despite knowing the risks posed to their overall health and safety," said Carr. "We will not allow our state's youngest citizens to become the targets of deceptive social media tactics and plan to work diligently to address this dangerous and alarming trend. Our consumer protection laws are put in place to protect our citizens from misleading and potentially harmful actions, and we look forward to learning more about Meta's engagement practices."

The investigation targets,

among other things, the techniques utilized by Meta to increase the frequency and duration of engagement by young users and the resulting harms caused by such extended engagement. This announcement follows recent reports revealing that Meta's own internal research

shows that using Instagram is associated with increased risks of physical and mental health harms on young people, including depression, eating disorders and even suicide. Carr has long been concerned about the negative impacts of social media platforms on Georgia's

youngest residents.

Leading the investigation, involving a broad group of states across the country is a bipartisan coalition of Attorneys General from California, Florida, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey, Tennessee and Vermont.

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SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021							
SPLOST V - July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022, Funds 303 & 305 Calendar Quarters)							
	Original Estimated (1) Cost of Project	Current Estimated (2) Cost of Project	Amount Expended in Curr. Year (2021)	Amount Expended in Prior Years	Total Completion Costs	Excess Proceeds Not Expended	Estimated Completion Date
<b>Five years (20 calendar quarters) for:</b>							
i) acquiring technology improvements, including safety and security improvements, computer technology hardware and software;	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 180,195.53	\$ 427,074.20	\$ -	\$ -	6/30/2024
ii) acquiring new school equipment, including, but not limited to, new buses, textbooks, and band instruments, maintenance vehicles and playground equipment;	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 214,659.49	\$ 231,427.92	\$ -	\$ -	6/30/2024
iii) adding to, renovating, repairing, improving and demolishing, furnishing, and equipping existing school buildings and other buildings and facilities useful and desirable in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, bathrooms and cafeterias, additional classrooms, physical education/athletic facilities, administrative facilities, HVAC and flooring, lighting and paving;	\$ 3,100,000.00	\$ 3,100,000.00	\$ 522,161.53	\$ 1,296,710.58	\$ -	\$ -	6/30/2024
iv) acquiring, constructing and equipping new school buildings and facilities useful and desirable in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, athletic/physical education facilities and administrative facilities;	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	6/30/2024
v) acquiring any necessary or desirable property, both real and personal,	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 479,083.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	6/30/2024
<b>the maximum amount of the projects to be paid with sales and use tax proceeds will be \$7,000,000.</b>	<b>\$ 7,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,396,099.55</b>	<b>\$ 1,955,212.70</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Grand Total of SPLOST Activity for FY 2021</b>	<b>\$ 7,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,396,099.55</b>	<b>\$ 1,955,212.70</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</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 project(s). Includes all cost from project inception to completion.  
(3) The voters of Seminole County approved the imposition of a 1% sales tax to fund the above project(s). Amounts expended for these projects may include sales tax proceeds, state, local property taxes, and/or other funds over the life of the project(s).