



Phyllis A. Edwards, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

## Vision

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**May 13, 2015**

**Ms. Peggy Merriss  
City Manager  
509 McDonough Street  
Decatur, GA 30030**

Dear Ms. Merriss,

Attached is signed Resolution to request the calling of an election. The Resolution was unanimously approved by the Board of Education on last night, May 12, 2015, at the monthly meeting.

As requested, a letter from the Chair, Mr. Garrett Goebel, is attached to the attention of Mayor Baskett. CSD is requesting the city leaders to take up the question at your June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

The signed resolution is attached.

I will be present on June 1, 2015.

Sincerely,

**Phyllis A. Edwards, Ed.D.  
Superintendent**

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Mr. Jim Baskett, Mayor  
City of Decatur  
509 N. McDonough Street  
Decatur, GA 30030

Dear Mayor Baskett:

Please accept this formal letter asking that you place the request of a 75 million dollar bond on the November ballot. The School Board has reviewed a myriad of information over a period of 20 months. We have come to the understanding and decision that in order to meet the growing student population projections; we must ask the voters for their approval of a General Obligation Bond.

We are comfortable that we have provided you with the information necessary. We are also pleased that various results indicate that 90% of the survey respondents recognize and are aware of the needs of the school system.

The Superintendent has been working with our financial advisor, Dianne McNabb, and the Bond Attorney, Terri Finnester. Attached to this letter you will find the appropriate documentation.

The Board is asking that the Commission take up this action on June 1, 2015.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Garrett Goebel".

C. Garrett Goebel, Chair

cc: Dr. Phyllis A. Edwards, Superintendent  
Ms. Peggy Merriss, City Manager  
Mr. Bob Wilson, School Board Attorney

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A RESOLUTION OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF DECATUR

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE CALLING OF AN ELECTION TO DETERMINE THE ISSUANCE OR NON-ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$75,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS OF THE CITY OF DECATUR; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF DECATUR THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT SAID SCHOOL BONDS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED AT AN ELECTION AND TO REQUEST THAT THE CITY CALL SAID ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

WHEREAS, within the City of Decatur, Georgia (the "City" or the "City of Decatur") the City Schools of Decatur constitutes an independent school district (the "Decatur School System") which is operated for and on behalf of the citizens of said City by the Board of Education of the City of Decatur (the "Board of Education"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, which is charged with the duties of managing the affairs of the School System, has caused to be made a thorough canvass and study of the school buildings, equipment and facilities of the School System, and such investigation discloses the need for (i) acquiring, constructing and equipping new school buildings and other buildings or facilities useful or desirable in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, new elementary schools, and an early childhood learning center, (ii) adding to, renovating, replacing, expanding, repairing, improving and equipping existing administrative buildings, school buildings and other buildings and facilities useful or desirable therewith, including, but not limited to, Decatur High School, Renfroe Middle School, the 4-5 Academy and other existing elementary schools, (iii) acquiring, installing and equipping portable classrooms, including the infrastructure therefor, (iv) acquiring the College Heights Early Learning Center leased by the City Schools of Decatur and (v) acquiring any property useful or desirable therefor, both real and personal (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously determined that the Projects would be required to be funded in part from proceeds of general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education pursuant to this resolution will formally recommend to the City that there exists a need for the Projects, a portion of which is to be funded from the proceeds of City general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board of Education that the most feasible plan for providing funds to pay or to be applied toward the cost of a portion of the Projects is by the issuance and sale by the City of Decatur general obligation bonds (the "School Bonds") for the foregoing purposes, and under the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia, it is necessary to submit to the qualified voters of the City for their determination the question of whether or not the School Bonds should be issued for the aforesaid purposes, which School Bonds, if so authorized, shall be dated, shall bear interest from date at such rate or rates not

exceeding a maximum rate per annum in any year and the principal shall mature as hereinafter more fully set forth and the School Bonds may be made subject to redemption prior to maturity upon the terms and conditions to be determined by the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the principal of and interest on the School Bonds, if approved, shall be payable from the imposition of a direct annual ad valorem tax on all taxable property within the City subject to taxation for general obligation school bond purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the City of Decatur and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the Board of Education hereby notifies the City of the need for the Projects, which the Board of Education desires to finance in part with School Bonds, and the Board of Education hereby requests that the City and the Board of Elections and Registration of DeKalb County, on behalf of the City, call an election to be held in all the voting precincts of the City of Decatur on November 3, 2015, at which election there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City the question of whether or not School Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$75,000,000 shall be issued for the purpose of providing funds to pay or to be applied toward the cost of (i) acquiring, constructing and equipping new school buildings and other buildings or facilities useful or desirable in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, new elementary schools, and an early childhood learning center, (ii) adding to, renovating, replacing, expanding, repairing, improving and equipping existing administrative buildings, school buildings and other buildings and facilities useful or desirable therewith, including, but not limited to, Decatur High School, Renfroe Middle School, the 4-5 Academy and other existing elementary schools, (iii) acquiring, installing and equipping portable classrooms, including the infrastructure therefor, (iv) acquiring the College Heights Early Learning Center leased by the City Schools of Decatur, (v) acquiring any property useful or desirable therefor, both real and personal, (vi) paying capitalized interest and (vii) paying expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority, aforesaid and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the ballots to be used in said election shall have printed thereon in brief form the question to be determined by the voters, to-wit:

- ( ) YES            Shall there be authorized to be issued up to \$75,000,000 of City of Decatur general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing a portion of the costs of (i) acquiring, constructing and equipping new school buildings and other buildings or facilities useful or desirable in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, new elementary schools and an early childhood learning center, (ii) adding to, renovating, replacing, expanding, repairing, improving and equipping existing administrative buildings, school buildings and other buildings and facilities useful or desirable therewith, including, but not limited to, Decatur High School, Renfroe Middle School, the 4-5 Academy and other existing elementary schools, (iii) acquiring, installing and equipping portable classrooms, including the infrastructure therefor, (iv) acquiring the College Heights Early Learning Center leased by the City Schools of Decatur, (v) acquiring
- ( ) NO

any property useful or desirable therefor, both real and personal, (vi) paying capitalized interest and (vii) paying expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540, the Board of Education requests the City that the date of such election be set as November 3, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 36-82-1(b) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as amended, any brochures, listings or other advertisements approved by the City pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by the City Council shall be deemed to be a statement of intention concerning the use of the bond funds in accordance, or substantially in accordance, with the aforesaid purpose and reference to same shall be contained in the legal advertisement of the bond election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that there is hereby authorized and the Board of Education hereby requests the City to publish notice of said election for School Bonds as required by law in the newspaper in which sheriff's advertisements for DeKalb County are published, once a week for five weeks immediately preceding the date of the election, November 3, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that if the voters of the City approve the issuance of the School Bonds, the City shall be authorized to issue City of Decatur general obligation bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$75,000,000, to be dated the first day of the calendar month in which the School Bonds are issued or the date of initial issuance and delivery of the School Bonds, to bear interest from date at a rate or rates not exceeding 6% per annum, with the principal thereof to mature in the years and amounts, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$1,540,000	2031	3,075,000
2019	1,650,000	2032	3,225,000
2020	1,765,000	2033	3,390,000
2021	1,885,000	2034	3,560,000
2022	2,010,000	2035	3,680,000
2023	2,135,000	2036	3,790,000
2024	2,270,000	2037	3,905,000
2025	2,410,000	2038	4,020,000
2026	2,465,000	2039	4,140,000
2027	2,530,000	2040	4,265,000
2028	2,655,000	2041	4,395,000
2029	2,790,000	2042	4,525,000
2030	2,925,000		

The School Bonds may be issued in one or more series and may be made subject to redemption prior to their respective maturities upon the terms and conditions to be determined by the City Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the Secretary of the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the City Commission. Upon the City Commission's adoption of a resolution approving the submission of the question of the issuance or non-issuance of the School Bonds to the qualified voters of the City of Decatur, the Board of Education hereby requests that the City deliver a copy of this resolution and the City Commission resolution to the Board of Elections and Registration of DeKalb County with a request that the Board of Elections and Registration of DeKalb County order the call of this election.

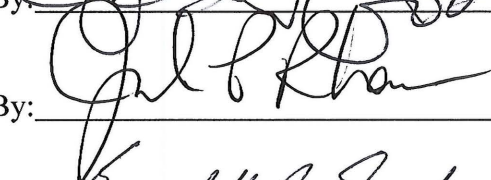
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the proper officers and agents of the Decatur School System are hereby authorized to take any and all further actions as may be required in connection with the issuance of the School Bonds as herein provided.

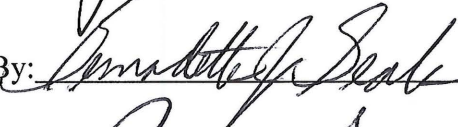
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that any and all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

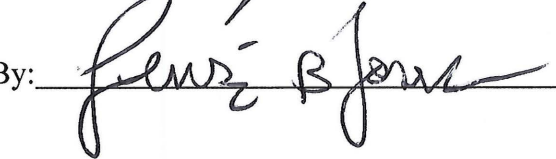
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid and it is hereby resolved by authority of same, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF  
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By:  \_\_\_\_\_

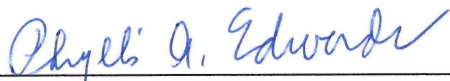
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Attest:

  
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Superintendent and Secretary to  
Board of Education of the City of Decatur



SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

GEORGIA, DEKALB COUNTY

I, Dr. Phyllis A Edwards, Secretary of the Board of Education of the City of Decatur, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education at an open public meeting duly called and lawfully assembled at 6:30 p.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015, in connection with the calling of an election pertaining to the issuance or non-issuance of up to \$75,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of City of Decatur general obligation bonds, the original of such resolution being duly recorded in the Minute Book of the Board of Education, which Minute Book is in my custody and control.

I do hereby certify that the following members of the Board of Education were present at such meeting:

C. Garrett Goebel      Julie P. Rhame  
Bernadette J. Seals      Lewis B. Jones

and that the following members were absent:

Anne P. Cajola      \_\_\_\_\_  
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and that such resolution was duly adopted by a vote of

Aye: 4      Nay: \_\_\_\_\_      Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS my-hand and the official seal of the Board of Education of the City of Decatur, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.



Phyllis A. Edwards  
Secretary