

RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF DECATUR

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Decatur is responsible for annually providing the City Commission of the City of Decatur, Georgia with the rate of the ad valorem tax levy on taxable property in the city that is necessary for the support, maintenance and operation of the City Schools of Decatur; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to encourage and support diversity among residents of the City of Decatur, including diversity on the basis of age; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City Schools of Decatur is aware that the tax imposed upon residents for the support of the City Schools of Decatur poses a challenge to many older residents of the City of Decatur, many of whom rely on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes that the older residents of the City of Decatur are highly valued contributors to the Decatur community;

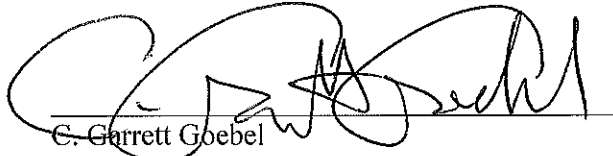
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Board of Education of the City of Decatur, that, pursuant to Georgia Constitution Art. 7, § 2, ¶ II (a)(2) and O.C.G.A. § 28-1-14, the Board of Education shall cause to be prepared local legislation for submittal to the DeKalb Delegation of the Georgia General Assembly requesting that a referendum be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Decatur on the question of whether each resident of the City of Decatur who is 65 years of age or over shall be granted an exemption on that person's homestead from all City of Decatur ad valorem school taxes for the full amount of the assessed value of that homestead regardless of the resident's income or the income of the resident's spouse who resides within such homestead and any other person who resides within such homestead; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved, by the Board of Education of the City Schools of Decatur, that they request that the City Commission of the City of Decatur participate in the introduction of the aforementioned local legislation as may be required by law or by the General Assembly; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved, by the Board of Education of the City of Decatur that it desires that the DeKalb Delegation of the Georgia General Assembly support the aforementioned legislation to set a local referendum on the question of whether residents of the City of Decatur age 65 or older shall be granted a homestead exemption on all ad valorem school taxes levied by the City of Decatur.

Resolved this 11 day of August, 2015.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF DECATUR



C. Garrett Goebel
Board Chairperson

ATTEST:



Phyllis A. Edwards, Superintendent
Secretary of the Board