

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City Schools of Decatur and the City of Decatur have worked together to review and analyze implications related to projections of unparalleled student population growth as well as opportunities and challenges presented by potential annexation; and

WHEREAS, the City Schools of Decatur and the City of Decatur believe that annexation should be considered in order to expand and stabilize the property tax base, to respond to the municipalization of DeKalb County, to provide the opportunity for location of additional school(s) and city facilities, to influence and control development at key gateways, to consolidate partial parcels and to respond to interest from property owners; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City Schools of Decatur, Georgia believes that there are numerous benefits to property owners and businesses located in the proposed annexation master plan area to include, but not be limited to, outstanding public schools, faster public safety response times, increased infrastructure, streamlined development processes and increased economic redevelopment activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission of the City of Decatur, Georgia, will consider adoption of an Annexation Master Plan on December 17, 2014 to present to the Georgia General Assembly to amend the City Charter by local legislation; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City Schools of Decatur, Georgia supports the Annexation Master Plan shown in the attached Exhibit A, with the understanding and confidence that there will continue to be conversation and discussion and collaboration between the two governing bodies to address the following:

1. Designating property close to or in the new annexation area, for the establishment of a new school site(s).
2. That there be an expression by the current City Commission for consideration by future City Commissions to approach with caution any attempt to rezone as residential the new areas to be annexed which are currently zoned commercial or institutional because of the potential impact upon the City Schools of Decatur.
3. The placing of a General Obligation Bond on the ballot for November 2015 to meet the facility needs (K-12) for consideration by the voters.
4. School services to follow approximately eighteen months after effective date of annexation.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Board of Education of the City Schools of Decatur, Georgia that they give full support and endorsement to the efforts of the City Commission of the City of Decatur, Georgia and to the Georgia General

Assembly for exercising the authority granted in O.C.G.A. § 36-36-1, O.C.G.A. § 36-36-15 and O.C.G.A. § 36-36-16 to annex real property into the city limits; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved, by the Board of Education of the City Schools of Decatur, Georgia, that they desire that the DeKalb Delegation of the Georgia General Assembly to introduce and support legislation to annex the properties into the City of Decatur.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF DECATUR

Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

Phyllis A. Edwards, Superintendent