

EXHIBIT “A”

NOTICE OF CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION  
TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA  
TO CONSIDER A SPECIAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 2, 2021, an election will be held in all of the election districts of DeKalb County, Georgia, at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of DeKalb County, Georgia for their determination the question of whether a special one percent (1%) sales and use tax shall be reimposed or nonimposed on all sales and uses in DeKalb County, Georgia beginning July 1, 2022, upon the expiration of the current sales and use tax, and continuing for a period of time not to exceed 20 calendar quarters to raise not more than \$816,235,158.00 to be expended for the following educational purposes:

I. For the DeKalb County School District:

- (A) The following capital outlay projects (“DeKalb Projects”) and the expenses incidental to accomplishing the DeKalb Projects including, but not limited to, implementation expenses, management expenses, and legal expenses at a total maximum cost of \$742,773,993.78 (the actual amount of the proceeds to be determined by the ratio of DeKalb County School District students to Atlanta Independent School System students and City of Decatur School System students as determined by the latest FTE count prior to the referendum):
- (i) Adding to, modifying, replacing, reconfiguring schools and/or facilities or creating new schools and/or facilities to accommodate current and future student enrollment, address major facility conditions, develop early childhood centers, enhance regional support of schools, and accommodate expanded or new programmatic needs, and acquiring land for constructing and equipping new and/or replacement schools/facilities, or equivalent facility capacity, including, but not limited to, site preparation and the demolition of all or portions of existing structures and/or acquiring leasehold interests or the purchasing of facilities/properties as needed based on DeKalb County School District's determination of need priorities;
  - (ii) Adding to, renovating, modifying, reconfiguring, equipping, upgrading, supplementing, acquiring, replacing, and installing capital improvements for various existing and new schools, buildings and facilities (including schools, buildings and facilities to be constructed pursuant to this resolution, once completed and including any site preparation and demolition of existing structures if necessary)--e.g., roofing, plumbing, wiring, painting, water piping, HVAC, making athletic field and physical education facility upgrades and improvements, ADA renovations, infrastructure improvements, repaving,

restroom facilities, systems for environmental and air quality control, physical education facilities, kitchens, technology improvements, safety and security improvements, surveillance systems, fire alarms systems, fire sprinkler installation, perimeter fencing, improvements to comply with health, safety and applicable building codes, traffic control and optimization, parking and parking capacity, stormwater management facilities, and program-driven modifications, as needed based on the DeKalb County School District's determination of need priorities at some or all of the following schools and facilities (the "DCSD Schools and Facilities"):

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| 1.  | Adams Stadium Facility                                  | 77.  | Indian Creek Elementary Facility               |
| 2.  | Administrative and Instructional Complex (AIC) Facility | 78.  | International Student Center (Midway) Facility |
| 3.  | Allgood Elementary Facility                             | 79.  | John R. Lewis Elementary Facility              |
| 4.  | Arabia Mountain High Facility                           | 80.  | Jolly Elementary Facility                      |
| 5.  | Ashford Park Elementary Facility                        | 81.  | Kelley Lake Elementary Facility                |
| 6.  | Austin Elementary Facility                              | 82.  | Kingsley Elementary Facility                   |
| 7.  | Avondale Elementary Facility                            | 83.  | Kittredge Magnet Facility                      |
| 8.  | Avondale High/DSA Facility                              | 84.  | Lakeside High Facility                         |
| 9.  | Avondale Stadium Facility                               | 85.  | Laurel Ridge Elementary Facility               |
| 10. | Barack H. Obama Elementary Facility                     | 86.  | Lithonia High Facility                         |
| 11. | Bethune (Mary McLeod) Middle Facility                   | 87.  | Lithonia Middle School Facility                |
| 12. | Bob Mathis Elementary Facility                          | 88.  | Livsey Elementary Facility                     |
| 13. | Bouie (Edward L., Sr.) Elementary Facility              | 89.  | Marbut Elementary Facility                     |
| 14. | Briar Vista Elementary Facility                         | 90.  | Margaret Harris Comprehensive Facility         |
| 15. | Briarlake Elementary Facility                           | 91.  | Martin Luther King, Jr. High Facility          |
| 16. | Brockett Elementary Facility                            | 92.  | McLendon Elementary Facility                   |
| 17. | Browns Mill Elementary Facility                         | 93.  | McNair (Ronald E) Elementary Facility          |
| 18. | Buck Godfrey Stadium Facility                           | 94.  | McNair High Facility                           |
| 19. | Canby Lane Elementary Facility                          | 95.  | McNair Middle Facility                         |
| 20. | Cary Reynolds Elementary Facility                       | 96.  | Midvale Elementary Facility                    |
| 21. | Cedar Grove Elementary Facility                         | 97.  | Miller Grove High Facility                     |
| 22. | Cedar Grove High Facility                               | 98.  | Miller Grove Middle Facility                   |
| 23. | Cedar Grove Middle Facility                             | 99.  | Montclair Elementary Facility                  |
| 24. | Chamblee High Facility                                  | 100. | Montgomery Elementary Facility                 |
| 25. | Chamblee Middle Facility                                | 101. | Murphy Candler Elementary Facility             |
| 26. | Champion Middle Theme Facility (incl. Rock Gym)         | 102. | Narvie Harris Elementary Facility              |
| 27. | Chapel Hill Elementary Facility                         | 103. | North DeKalb Stadium Facility                  |
| 28. | Chapel Hill Middle Facility                             | 104. | Oak Grove Elementary Facility                  |
| 29. | Chesnut Elementary Facility                             | 105. | Oakcliff Elementary Facility                   |
| 30. | Clarkston High Facility                                 | 106. | Oakview Elementary                             |
| 31. | Columbia Elementary Facility                            | 107. | Panola Way Elementary Facility                 |
| 32. | Columbia High Facility                                  | 108. | Panthersville Administrative Facility          |
| 33. | Columbia Middle Facility                                | 109. | Peachcrest Elementary Facility                 |
| 34. | Coralwood Education Facility                            | 110. | Peachtree Middle Facility                      |
| 35. | Cross Keys High Facility                                |      |  |

36.	DeKalb High Facility of Technology, South Facility	111.	Pine Ridge Elementary Facility
37.	DESA (Avondale Middle) Facility	112.	Pleasantdale Elementary Facility
38.	Doraville Administrative Facility	113.	Princeton Elementary Facility
39.	Doraville United Elementary Facility	114.	Rainbow Elementary Facility
40.	Dresden Elementary Facility	115.	Redan Elementary Facility
41.	Druid Hills High Facility	116.	Redan High Facility
42.	Druid Hills Middle Facility	117.	Redan Middle Facility
43.	Dunaire Elementary Facility	118.	Robert Shaw Theme Facility
44.	Dunwoody Elementary Facility	119.	Rock Chapel Elementary Facility
45.	Dunwoody High Facility	120.	Rockbridge Elementary Facility
46.	Eagle Woods Academy/GNETS Facility	121.	Rowland Elementary Facility
47.	Early Learning Center (Terry Mill) Facility	122.	Sagamore Hills Elementary Facility
48.	East Campus #1/DeKalb Alternative Facility	123.	Salem Middle Facility
49.	East Campus #2/Transportation Facility	124.	Sam Moss Service Center Facility
50.	Eldridge L. Miller Elementary Facility	125.	Sequoyah Middle Facility
51.	Environmental Studies Center Facility	126.	Shadow Rock Elementary School Facility (incl. Shadow Rock Center)
52.	Evansdale Elementary Facility	127.	Smoke Rise Elementary Facility
53.	Fairington Elementary Facility	128.	Snapfinger Elementary Facility
54.	Fernbank Elementary Facility	129.	Southwest DeKalb High Facility
55.	Fernbank Science Center Facility	130.	Stephenson High Facility
56.	Flat Rock Elementary Facility	131.	Stephenson Middle Facility
57.	Flat Shoals Elementary Facility	132.	Stone Mill Elementary Facility
58.	Former Clarkston High (Community Center) Facility	133.	Stone Mountain Elementary Facility
59.	Former Forrest Hills Facility	134.	Stone Mountain High Facility
60.	Former Glen Haven Facility	135.	Stone Mountain Middle Facility
61.	Former Heritage Facility	136.	Stoneview Elementary Facility
62.	Former Hooper Alexander Site	137.	Toney Elementary Facility
63.	Former Medlock Facility	138.	Towers High Facility
64.	Former Nancy Creek Elementary Facility	139.	Tucker High Facility
65.	Former Shallowford Elementary Site	140.	Tucker Middle Facility
66.	Freedom Middle Facility	141.	Vanderlyn Elementary Facility
67.	Green Forrest Drive (Wadsworth) Facility	142.	Wadsworth Magnet (Knollwood) Facility
68.	Hallford, James R. Stadium Facility	143.	Warren Technical Chamblee Facility
69.	Hambrick Elementary Facility	144.	William Bradley Bryant Technology Center Facility
70.	Hatton Dr. Warehouse Facility	145.	William Buck Godfrey Stadium Facility
71.	Hawthorne Elementary Facility	146.	Woodridge Elementary Facility
72.	Henderson Middle Facility	147.	Woodward Elementary Facility
73.	Henderson Mill Elementary Facility	148.	Wynbrooke Elementary Facility
74.	Hightower Elementary Facility		
75.	Huntley Hills Elementary Facility		
76.	Idlewood Elementary Facility		

- (iii) Making technology improvements, by acquiring, replacing, purchasing, installing, upgrading, or supplementing technology including, but not limited

to: technology that supports and/or enhances instruction, digital communication technology, enhanced school security solutions, wireless technology, enterprise content management solutions, replacement and/or enhancement of technology/systems in support of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) upgrade, data storage systems, telecommunication systems, digital records retention, technology hardware, software, and related infrastructure at some or all of DSCD Schools and Facilities, as needed; and

- (iv) Replacing, purchasing, upgrading, refurbishing, or supplementing school buses and support vehicles and other capital equipment as needed including, but not limited to items such as, desks, chairs, tables, instructional equipment, band equipment, kitchen equipment, waste compactors, portable classrooms/modular buildings, custodial equipment, grounds equipment, etc. at some or all of DCSD Schools and Facilities.

II. For the Atlanta Independent School System:

- (A) The following capital outlay projects within DeKalb County (“APS Projects”) and the expenses incidental to accomplishing the APS Projects including, but not limited to, implementation expenses, management expenses and legal expenses, at a total maximum cost of \$32,649,406.32 (the actual amount of the proceeds to be determined by the ratio of DeKalb County School District students to Atlanta Independent School System students and City of Decatur School System students as determined by the latest FTE count prior to the referendum):
  - (i) Adding to, modifying, reconfiguring schools, replace, renovate, demolish of all or portions of existing schools, buildings and/or facilities, some APS Schools and Facilities or creating new schools to accommodate current and increased student enrollment, class-size reductions, and programmatic needs, and acquiring land and preparing sites for constructing and equipping new or replacement schools and facilities, or equivalent classroom capacity, (including site preparation and the demolition of all or portions of existing structures) and as needed to mitigate emergencies (including without limitation natural disasters, pandemics, health and safety) or public takings impacting some or all of APS Schools and Facilities;
  - (ii) Adding to, renovating, modifying, reconfiguring, equipping, upgrading, supplementing, acquiring land (if needed), replacing, and installing capital improvements for various existing and new schools, buildings, stadiums and facilities (including schools, buildings and facilities to be constructed pursuant to this resolution, once completed and including any site preparation and demolition of existing structures if necessary)--e.g., roofing, plumbing, wiring, electrical systems, lighting and lighting systems, painting, water

pipng, HVAC, ADA renovations, infrastructure improvements, repaving, sidewalk, fire alarm and intercom systems, restroom facilities, systems for environmental and air quality control, sports equity, physical education facilities, classroom additions, kitchens, freezer/cooler replacements, generators and generator back-ups, ceilings, floors and windows, utility conservation improvements, fire protection, safety and security improvements, improvements to comply with health, safety and applicable building codes, traffic control and optimization, parking and parking capacity, stormwater management facilities, and program-driven modifications, including but not limited to some or all of the following schools and facilities ("APS Schools and Facilities"):

- (1) Burgess-Peterson Elementary Facility
- (2) Former Boys & Girls Club Facility
- (3) Former Coan Middle Facility [1550 Hosea L Williams Dr NE]
- (4) Former East Lake Facility [145 4th Ave SE]
- (5) Former Marshall Facility [1820 Mary Dell Dr SE]
- (6) Former Wesley Avenue Site [187 Wesley Ave NE]
- (7) Lin Elementary Facility
- (8) Peterson (Adult Ed.) Facility
- (9) Phoenix Academy/Former Crim High Facility
- (10) Springdale Park Elementary Facility
- (11) Toomer Elementary Facility
- (12) Valerie D Thomas Maintenance Facility
- (13) Whitefoord Facility

- (iii) Making technology improvements, by acquiring, replacing, purchasing, installing, upgrading or supplementing technology including, but not limited to: instructional technology, information systems hardware, software and infrastructure, digital communication technology, wireless technology, wireless infrastructure, enterprise content management solutions, right-to-use technology assets, long term leases and/or licenses of cloud based and similar technology, data storage systems, telecommunication systems, mass communications systems, technology hardware, software, and related infrastructure at schools and facilities, at some or all of APS Schools and Facilities, upgrades to wireless communication infrastructure and technology, emergency response technology, access control technology and equipment, security cameras and surveillance upgrades at some or all of APS Schools and Facilities;
- (iv) Making athletic field and physical education facility upgrades and improvements at various middle and high schools and stadiums serving such schools;

- (v) Acquiring, replacing, purchasing, refurbishing, equipping and supplementing vehicles and capital equipment including without limitation school buses, school bus lifts, school police vehicles, school police equipment, support vehicles, fuel management systems, medical, emergency and evacuation equipment, etc.;
- (vi) Replacing, purchasing, upgrading, refurbishing or supplementing capital equipment including, but not limited to, desks, chairs, tables, instructional materials, instructional equipment, physical education equipment, equipment that supports learning, band equipment, kitchen equipment, waste compactors, portable classrooms/modular buildings, custodial equipment, grounds equipment, and similar equipment at some or all of APS Schools and Facilities; and
- (vii) Making of site, facility and technology improvements deemed necessary to improve safety and security, and enhance surveillance systems at some or all of APS Schools and Facilities.

III. For City Schools of Decatur:

- (A) The following capital outlay projects (“Decatur Projects”) and the expenses incidental to accomplishing the Decatur Projects including, but not limited to, implementation expenses, management expenses, and legal expenses at a total maximum cost of \$40,811,757.90 (the actual amount of the proceeds to be determined by the ratio of DeKalb County School District students to Atlanta Independent School System students and City of Decatur School System students as determined by the latest FTE count prior to the referendum):
  - (i) To acquire, design, construct, renovate, reconfigure, modify, add to, repair, replace, demolish all or a portion of, improve, and equip existing and new school buildings and sites and other existing and new buildings and facilities, including greenspace, useful or desirable in connection therewith; including, but not limited to Clairemont Elementary, College Heights Early Childhood Learning Center, Decatur High School, Fifth Avenue Upper Elementary, Glennwood Elementary, Oakhurst Elementary, Renfroe Middle School, Talley Street Upper Elementary, Westchester Elementary, Winnona Park Elementary School, the Transportation Building and the Wilson Center (Central Office); and including but not limited to the purposes of accommodating increased student enrollment, reducing class sizes, and adjusting programmatic needs;
  - (ii) To acquire, including through lease-purchase, design, construct, and/or equip new buildings and facilities of or for use by the City Schools of Decatur, including parking and land useful or desirable in connection therewith, and

including but not limited to new school buildings, athletic facilities, and new facilities for the Department of Facilities and Maintenance;

- (iii) To make various technology improvements at all schools and facilities of the City Schools of Decatur, which includes, but is not limited to, replacing, purchasing, installing, upgrading, and supplementing instructional technology, professional learning technology, information security, process automation, data utilization systems, disaster recovery systems, communication systems, wired and wireless communications, emergency response technology, security and surveillance systems, information systems, access control systems, life safety and security systems, enterprise content management solutions, data storage systems, and hardware related to the technology improvements, and also includes, but is not limited to, related modifications, changes, configurations, and upgrades to at all schools and facilities of City Schools of Decatur necessary to implement such technology improvements;
- (iv) To acquire computers or similar technology for the use of students and staff in and outside of the classroom;
- (v) To acquire, repair, replace, or make lease/purchase payments for school buses, school-related vehicles, and other transportation equipment;
- (vi) To acquire, design, construct, equip, maintain, and upgrade charging and other infrastructure for a fleet of electric vehicles for use by the City Schools of Decatur;
- (vii) For school improvement and maintenance projects throughout the facilities and buildings of the City Schools of Decatur, including but not limited to HVAC renovations, repairs and replacements; roofing repairs and replacements; electrical repairs, renovations and upgrades, including but not limited to cost-saving energy efficiency capital projects; boiler renovations, repairs and upgrades; and other similar capital improvements;
- (viii) To acquire, design, construct, renovate, modify, add, replace, equip, improve, upgrade, demolish, and install capital improvements for various existing and new schools, buildings, and facilities, including roofing, plumbing, wiring, energy conservation and solar, painting, water piping replacement, and repairs, HVAC equipment and parts, electrical, air indoor quality, signs, safety audits assessments, professional services, interiors, exteriors, environmental testing and abatement, kitchen equipment, lifts, elevators, ADA compliance and renovations, infrastructure improvements, repaving, school system life safety and security, sports, equity, physical education facilities, playgrounds, classroom additions, and program-driven modifications, as needed;
- (ix) To conduct assessments of school system land, facilities, technology

information systems, vehicles, and capital equipment following implementation and identification of additional capital needs;

- (x) To acquire, design, replace, purchase, upgrade or supplement capital equipment including, but not limited to, classroom furniture, musical, band and orchestra equipment, desks, chairs, tables, instructional equipment, equipment that supports learning, school bus equipment, school bus lifts, fuel management systems, medical, emergency and evacuation equipment, etc. at all schools and facilities of City Schools of Decatur; and
- (xi) To acquire any property useful or desirable for the purposes listed in (i) through (x), both real and personal.

The ballots to be used at such election shall have written or printed thereon substantially the following:

- ( ) YES Shall the special one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes currently imposed in DeKalb County be reimposed on July 1, 2022, upon the expiration of the currently imposed tax, for not longer than 20 consecutive calendar quarters, to raise not more than \$816,235,158.00 to be used for the following educational purposes:
- ( ) NO

For the DeKalb County School District:

- (A) adding to, upgrading, reconfiguring, renovating, replacing, modifying and equipping existing and replacement schools, support facilities, athletic fields and physical education facilities;
- (B) acquiring and developing land for, constructing and equipping, new and replacement schools and support facilities, as well as additions to existing facilities;
- (C) installing capital improvements for various existing and new schools, buildings and facilities;
- (D) providing hardware, software, and related infrastructure and making technology improvements; and
- (E) replacing, purchasing, upgrading school buses, support vehicles, and other capital equipment,

in an amount not to exceed \$742,773,993.78 for the DeKalb County School District, all as more fully described in the Notice of Election.

For the Atlanta Independent School System:

- (A) for acquiring, reconfiguring and developing land for, constructing and equipping, new and replacement schools and support facilities;
- (B) adding to, upgrading, reconfiguring, renovating, replacing, modifying and



equipping existing and replacement schools, support facilities and athletic facilities;

- (C) making technology improvements and safety and security improvements for schools and facilities; and
- (D) acquiring and equipping school buses, school police vehicles, support vehicles, transportation vehicles and other capital equipment;

At a total maximum cost of \$32,649,406.32, for the Atlanta Independent School System as more fully described in the Notice of Election.

For the City Schools of Decatur:

- (A) for the acquisition, construction, renovation, modification, addition, repair, replacement, demolition of, improvement and equipping of existing and new school buildings and other facilities, including other buildings and greenspace useful or desirable in connection therewith;
- (B) to acquire and install technology improvements throughout the school system, including computers, systems, and related hardware and infrastructure;
- (C) to acquire school buses, school-related vehicles, and transportation equipment, including infrastructure for electric vehicles;
- (D) for school and facilities improvement, energy conservation, and maintenance projects; and
- (E) to acquire supplemental capital equipment for the school system, including any property, real and personal, useful and desirable in connection with the projects listed in the Notice of Election,

in an amount not to exceed \$40,811,757.90 for the City Schools of Decatur, all as more fully described in the Notice of Election.

The several places for holding said election shall be at the regular and established voting precincts of all of the election districts of DeKalb County, and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on the date fixed for the election.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(1), the registration deadline for taking applications from persons desiring to register to vote in this election will be the close of business on October 4, 2021.

All residents of DeKalb County qualified to vote at such election shall be determined in all respects in accordance with the election laws of the State of Georgia.

This notice is given by the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections, as election superintendent under O.C.G.A. 21-2-540(d) and 21-2-2(35), pursuant to concurrent resolutions of the Board of Education of DeKalb County, the Board of Education of the Atlanta Independent School System and the Board of Education for the City of Decatur.

DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF DEKALB COUNTY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ATLANTA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL SYSTEM

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF DECATUR

This \_\_15\_\_ day of \_\_July\_\_\_\_, 2021