

WHITFIELD COUNTY

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/CHALLENGED BALLOT

OFFICIAL SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA MARCH 21, 2017

To vote, blacken the Oval (●) next to the candidate of your choice. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, manually WRITE his or her name in the write-in section and blacken the Oval (●) next to the write-in section. If you desire to vote YES or NO for a PROPOSED QUESTION, blacken the corresponding Oval (●). Use only blue or black pen or pencil.

Do not vote for more candidates than the number allowed for each specific office. Do not cross out or erase. If you erase or make other marks on the ballot or tear the ballot, your vote may not count.

If you change your mind or make a mistake, you may return the ballot by writing "Spoiled" across the face of the ballot and return envelope. You may then mail the spoiled ballot back to your county board of registrars, and you will be issued another official absentee ballot. Alternatively, you may surrender the ballot to the poll manager of an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot.

"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [OCGA 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383(a)]

Continuation of a 1% Sales and Use Tax for Educational Purposes (Vote for One)

Shall a special one percent sales and use tax continue to be imposed, subject to the approval by a majority of the qualified voters residing within the limits of Whitfield County for a period of time not to exceed five years (20 calendar quarters) commencing upon the expiration of the existing sales and use tax previously imposed, for the raising of not more than \$98,000,000 for the following purposes:

For the Whitfield County School District: (i) acquiring new technology equipment, safety and security equipment and other school equipment, and upgrading and modifying technology equipment, including software, hardware, network and infrastructure; (ii) adding to, renovating, repairing, improving, equipping and furnishing existing school buildings or other buildings or facilities useful or desirable in connection therewith, including but not limited to HVAC, electrical, plumbing, paving, roof replacements and repairs, restroom renovations, paint and flooring, energy efficient lighting retrofits, sewer system tie-ins, and constructing, renovating and modifying athletic facilities, and including but not limited to demolishing and replacing Valley Point Middle School and North Whitfield Middle School with new school facilities, demolishing and replacing the gymnasium at Westside Middle School, and constructing a car rider loop at Tunnel Hill Elementary School; (iii) acquiring land; (iv) purchasing textbooks and band instruments; (v) purchasing school buses and service vehicles; and (vi) acquiring any property necessary or desirable therefor, both real and personal (the "Whitfield School Projects"), the estimated cost of the Whitfield School Projects to be paid with sales tax proceeds being \$61,083,000; and (vii) payment of any general obligation debt of the Whitfield County School District issued in conjunction with the imposition of the sales and use tax;

For the City of Dalton School District: (a) adding to, renovating, repairing, improving, equipping and furnishing existing school buildings or other buildings or facilities useful or desirable in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, Brookwood School, City Park School, Roan School and Dalton High School; (b) acquiring land, c) acquiring new technology, safety and security equipment and other school equipment; (d) acquiring, constructing and equipping new school buildings and facilities including but not limited to educational/athletic facilities; and (e) acquiring any property necessary or desirable therefor, both real and personal (the "Dalton School Projects"), the estimated cost of the Dalton School Projects to be financed with sales tax proceeds being \$36,917,000; and

If the continuation of the tax is approved by the voters of the Whitfield County School District, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of Whitfield County School District in the principal amount of \$41,000,000 for the purposes of the Whitfield County School District described in items (i) - (vi) above and for the purpose of payment of a portion of the interest on such debt.

YES

NO

SAMPLE