

REVISED CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

This Revised Call for Special Election is being published to amend and supplement that Call for Special Election, Legal No. 14643 Nov. 22, 2023, published December 1, 2023 which omitted a portion of the call.

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540, a special election shall be held in Jasper County for the purpose of submitting to the voters the following question for approval or rejection:

- () YES
- () NO
- Shall the special 1 percent sales and use tax for education currently in effect in Jasper County be continued for a period of time not to exceed 20 calendar quarters and for the raising of not more than \$12,000,000 for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, repairing, improving, renovating, adding to, extending, upgrading, furnishing, and/or equipping school buildings, support and administrative facilities and buildings, athletic facilities and buildings, and/or infrastructure in the Jasper County School District useful or desirable in connection therewith, including acquiring any necessary property therefore, both real and personal, including, but not limited to: (1) constructing, repairing, improving, renovating, adding to, extending, upgrading, furnishing, and/or equipping Jasper County High School, to include a new career/technical education facility; (2) constructing, repairing, improving, renovating, adding to, extending, upgrading, furnishing, and/or equipping Washington Park Elementary School facilities and infrastructure, to include new instructional units for classrooms; (3) acquiring, constructing, furnishing, and/or equipping a maintenance and transportation operations facility; (4) constructing, repairing, improving, renovating, adding to, extending, upgrading, furnishing, and/or equipping Jasper County Primary School, to include new instructional units for classrooms; (5) acquiring vocational, fine arts, and music equipment; (6) acquiring textbooks (including e-books) and technology, software, computer, safety, security, and/or fire protection equipment; (7) acquiring buses, vehicles, maintenance equipment and/or transportation equipment; (8) acquiring real property for Jasper County School District facilities; (9) planning and design for new construction of improvements useful or desirable to the Jasper County School District (collectively, the “**Projects**”); and/or (10) paying capitalized interest, costs of issuing the below described general obligation debt, debt service on the below described general obligation debt, debt service on previously incurred General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018 and that additional general obligation debt authorized in conjunction with the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018, and/or paying expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing?

If continuation of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the Jasper County School District in the principal amount of up to \$23,000,000, repayable from the proceeds of the aforesaid sales and use tax, for the purpose of funding such

portions of the above Projects as may be acquired, constructed, and equipped with the proceeds of general obligation debt.

All qualified voters desiring to vote in favor of continuing the one percent (1%) sales and use tax for educational purposes (the “**Sales Tax for Education**”) shall vote “Yes” and all qualified voters opposed to levying the Sales Tax for Education shall vote “No”. If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of continuing the Sales Tax for Education then the Sales Tax for Education shall be imposed beginning October 1, 2025 or the first day of the calendar quarter immediately following the quarter in which the Sales Tax for Education now in effect is terminated. The maximum period of time for which the Sales Tax for Education shall be imposed shall be twenty consecutive calendar quarters.

The maximum cost of the capital outlay projects for educational purposes described in the above ballot question to be funded with Sales Tax for Education proceeds, including interest, capitalized interest, principal, and costs of issuance on general obligation debt to be paid, shall be \$12,000,000. To the extent available, the Jasper County School District may combine available funds from any state or federal governmental source to which the Jasper County School District may be entitled to pay the costs of its capital outlay projects, and the Board of Education may choose what capital outlay projects to undertake or not undertake or to delay until additional funding is available to the extent that the proceeds of the Sales Tax for Education and general obligation debt are insufficient to complete any of the capital outlay projects.

Plans and specifications for the capital outlay projects described in the above ballot question have not been initiated and bids have not been received. Depending upon acquisition and construction costs and available funds, the Jasper County Board of Education may add to, modify, or delete specific projects.

If the Sales Tax for Education is to be reimposed, the Jasper County School District may issue general obligation debt in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$23,000,000 (the “**Debt**”). The proceeds from such general obligation debt, if issued, shall be used to fund a portion of the above described capital outlay projects. The maximum rate or rates of interest on such Debt shall not exceed seven percent (7%) per annum and the principal to be paid in each year during the life of the Debt shall be as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2026	\$1,450,000	2034	\$1,900,000
2027	1,515,000	2035	1,950,000
2028	1,600,000	2036	975,000
2029	1,675,000	2037	1,025,000
2030	1,760,000	2038	1,080,000
2031	1,835,000	2039	1,130,000
2032	1,915,000	2040	1,190,000
2033	2,000,000		

The Jasper County School District may issue general obligation debt in an aggregate amount that is less than \$23,000,000 and reduce the principal amounts maturing that are shown above. The Debt may be issued in one or more series, and on one or more dates of issuance as the Jasper County School District may approve; provided, however, that the aggregate principal amount of such Debt shall not exceed \$23,000,000. The Debt may be made subject to redemption prior to maturity, to the extent permitted by law, upon terms and conditions to be determined by the Jasper County School District.

The Debt is a direct and general obligation of the School District, although principal and interest on the Debt shall be first payable from the proceeds of the Sales Tax for Education and shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America at a paying agent bank that will be designated by the Jasper County School District prior to the issuance of the Debt.

Any brochures, listings or other advertisements issued by the Jasper County School District or by any other person, firm, corporation or association with the knowledge and consent of the Jasper County School District shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the Jasper County School District concerning the use of the proceeds of the Debt.

The special election will be held in conjunction with the Presidential Preference Primary on March 12, 2024.

All persons who are not registered to vote and who desire to register to vote in the special election may register to vote through the close of business February 12, 2024.

Advance voting will be held from February 20, 2024 thru March 8, 2024 from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. (Sunday's excluded). Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on election day.

This the 17th day of November, 2023.

/s/ Andrea W. Brown
Election Superintendent, Jasper County