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CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 4th day of November, 2025 an election will be held at the regular polling places in all the election districts of the Bibb County School District, (which embraces all of Bibb County, Georgia), at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of the School District for their determination the following question:

Shall a one percent sales and use tax for education purposes be imposed in Macon-Bibb County for no longer than 20 consecutive calendar quarters to raise not more than \$250,000,000.00 for the following education purposes and projects, all as more fully described in the Notice of Election: (A) safety and security improvements, (weapons detection, X-ray machines, cameras, signage); upgrades to security camera systems, security camera analytics and radar detection; radio system upgrades; install inclusive playground improvements; and replace aging furniture; (B) modernization of Bernd Elementary school; (C) acquiring, renovating, reconfiguring, consolidating, developing land for, improving, constructing and equipping schools and/or support facilities; (D) adding to, equipping, upgrading, and modifying schools, athletic facilities and/or support facilities and infrastructure; (E) updating and modernizing technology; making technology improvements; (F) constructing and installing HVAC, energy efficient, and roofing improvements for schools and facilities; (G) acquiring and equipping school buses, support vehicles and other capital equipment. If the imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the Bibb County School District in the principal amount of up to \$50,000,000.00 repayable from the proceeds of the aforesaid sales and use tax for the above capital outlay purposes and for the payment of capitalized interest.

All qualified voters desiring to vote in favor of imposing the special 1% sales and use tax for education purposes (the "Education Sales Tax") shall vote "Yes" and all qualified voters opposed to levying the Education Sales Tax shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of imposing the Education Sales Tax then such tax will be imposed on April 1, 2026 and shall cease to be imposed on the earlier of (a) twenty calendar quarters after the tax is imposed or (b) at the end of the calendar quarter during which the Commissioner of Georgia Department of Revenue determines that the Education Sales Tax will have raised revenues sufficient to provide to the Bibb County School District (the "School District") net proceeds equal to or greater than the amount specified as the estimated amount of net proceeds to be raised by the Education Sales Tax.

The Board of Education currently expects to fund the following capital outlay projects (“Projects”) and the expenses incidental to accomplishing the Projects from the general obligation debt and proceeds of the Education Sales Tax:

- (a) District-Wide safety and security improvements, including upgrades for physical security (weapons detection, X-ray machines, cameras, signage); upgrades to security camera systems, security camera analytics and radar detection; radio system upgrades for transportation and campus police centers and surveillance equipment
- (b) District-Wide playground improvements for inclusivity and to improve equitable access for children of varying abilities;
- (c) Improving, upgrading and modernization of Bernd Elementary School;
- (d) Acquiring School District buses and service vehicles
- (e) Constructing energy efficiency and HVAC improvements; roof projects; and improving energy management and building controls;
- (f) Replacing aging furniture

Improving, renovating, upgrading, reconfiguring, constructing, replacing, equipping, adding to, modifying, updating, demolition of existing structures, land acquisition and site preparation (all if and as needed) to accommodate current and future student enrollment, to provide or consolidate classroom capacity as needed; to mitigate emergencies (including without limitation natural disasters, pandemics, health and safety) or public takings, to provide for and support the capital, instructional and programmatic needs, all if and as needed for some or all of the School District’s facilities and schools listed below (the “BCSD Schools and Facilities”):

Alexander II Elementary School
Appling Middle School
Ballard Hudson Middle School
Bernd Elementary School
Bruce Elementary School
Burdell Hunt Elementary School
Carter Elementary School
Central High School
Hartley Elementary School
Heard Elementary School
Heritage Elementary School
Howard High School
Ingram Pye Elementary School
John R. Lewis Elementary School
Lane Elementary School
Miller Middle School
MLK Jr. Elementary School
Northeast High School
Northwoods Academy School
Porter Elementary School
Rutland High School
Rutland Middle School
Skyview Elementary School
Southfield Elementary School
Southwest High School
Springdale Elementary School
Taylor Elementary School

Union Elementary School
Veterans Elementary School
Vineville Elementary School
Weaver Middle School
Westside High School
Williams Elementary School
Elam Alexander Academy
Professional Learning Center
RJ Williams Complex
Innovation & Technology Academy
SOAR
Roff Ave Warehouse
Transportation facilities
Central Operations Center
Ed Defore Sports Complex
Harry Thompson Sports Complex
Central Office facility
Campus Police facilities
Martin-Whitley PLC
Old Farm Property
Newly Constructed Schools & Facilities
Reconfigured/Replacement Schools

The maximum cost of the Projects to be funded with Education Sales Tax proceeds, including interest and cost of issuance on the general obligation debt to be incurred is estimated to be \$250,000,000.00, which will constitute the maximum amount of net proceeds of the Education Sales Tax to be received by the School District. In addition to the Projects, the funds may be used to address unforeseen costs, adjustments or contingencies associated with the planning, design and construction of the Projects or other unforeseen expenses necessary for the effective and efficient execution of the Projects.

To the extent available, the School District may combine available funds from the State of Georgia with proceeds from the Education Sales Tax and any other available funds, to pay the costs of the Projects. Plans and specification for the Projects have not been completed and bids have not been received.

Depending upon acquisition and construction costs, and available funds, the School District may choose which Projects to undertake or not to undertake, or to delay until additional funding is available, to the extent that the proceeds of the Education Sales Tax and the general obligation debt, together with other available funds actually received by the School District, may be insufficient to complete the Projects.

If the Education Sales Tax is imposed, the School District may issue general obligation debt in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$50,000,000.00. The proceeds from the general obligation debt, if issued shall be used to fund all or a portion of the Projects. The maximum rate or rates of interest on such debt shall not exceed 6% per annum. The maximum principal to be paid in each year during the life of the general obligation debt shall be as follows:

<u>Year:</u>	<u>Principal Amount:</u>
Year 1	\$8,070,000.00
Year 2	\$9,730,000.00
Year 3	\$10,210,000.00
Year 4	\$10,730,000.00
Year 5	\$11,260,000.00

The Board of Education may issue aggregate general obligation debt which is less than \$50,000,000.00 and reduce the principal amounts shown above.

As required by O.C.G.A. §36-82-1(d), any brochures, listings or other advertisements issued by the Board of Education or by any other person, firm, corporation or association with the knowledge and consent of the Board of Education shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the Board of Education concerning the use of the bond funds.

The Board of Public Education for Bibb County hereby calls, and requests that the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections call, an election to be held in all the voting precincts in Macon-Bibb County on the 4th day of November 2025, for the purposes of submitting to the qualified voters of Macon-Bibb County the question set forth above with the form of ballot substantially the same as set out in Section 1 above or with such other language as may be required by law.

The last day to register to vote in this election is October 6, 2025, through 5:30 p.m.

The election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. The several places for holding said election shall be at the regular and established voting precincts of all of the election districts of Macon-Bibb County, and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

All residents of Macon-Bibb 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 Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections, as election superintendent, pursuant to resolution of the Board of Public Education of Bibb County.

Robert Abbott, Chair
Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections