

Exhibit J
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Board of Public Education
Public Hearing on the Georgia Flexibility Option Strategic Waivers School System/IE2

The Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham will hold a public hearing on February 10, 2016 at 5:00 PM regarding its application to become a Strategic Waivers School System/IE2, one of the management structures offered under the Georgia Flexibility Options. The public hearing will be held in Building G of the Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Savannah, GA.

The Savannah-Chatham County Public School System has carefully reviewed each of the flexibility options offered and in doing so presented information and updates for public involvement. Throughout the process, fifty three informational sessions were held, an informational website was created, and an extended Guiding Coalition group consisting of community stakeholders met on multiple occasions for the purpose of exploring the Georgia Flexibility Options and potential waivers. School Board workshops were held on April 15, 2015, May 20, 2015, and October 19, 2015. A public hearing was also scheduled on May 27, 2015 to allow for additional public input on a flexibility option to pursue.

With considerable stakeholder input, in-depth discussion, and review of necessary Title 20 Laws and School Board Rules waiver options, and taking into consideration recent updates from the Georgia Department of Education stating that the State Board of Education will only consider approving waivers for Charter System or Strategic Waivers School System, the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System has prepared a draft application for the Strategic Waivers School System/IE2 Governance Model.

The State Department of Education requires school districts pursuing the Strategic Waivers School System/IE2 model to submit their application for consideration to the Georgia Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Student Achievement by April 1, 2016. The draft application and its components have been posted on the District's public website for review and comment at <http://t20.sccpss.com>

The School District invites the public to be a part of the public hearing being held on February 10, 2016, 5:00 PM regarding the district's draft application for becoming a Strategic Waivers School System/IE2. If approved, the five year performance contract will go into effect July 1, 2016.