



*Savannah-Chatham County Public School System*

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June 18, 2015

Dr. Garry McGiboney  
Deputy State School Superintendent for External Affairs and Policy  
Georgia Department of Education  
2053 Twin Towers East  
205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**RE: Letter of Intent – Strategic Waivers School System**

Dear Dr. McGiboney:

The State of Georgia in Article 4, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-84 has required that each local school system must notify the Georgia Department of Education of its intention of operating as a Charter System, Strategic Waivers School System, or a Title20/No Waivers System no later than June 30, 2015.

This letter serves to inform you of the intent of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools System to actively pursue a performance contract under the Strategic Waivers School System. Enclosed please find a resolution from the Savannah-Chatham County Board of Education indicating our intent to begin the process for the Strategic Waivers School System application and contract development. In addition, you will find our Board approved resolution seeking Class Size Waiver for the 2015-16 school year.

Prior to the submission of a proposed contract, the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System will schedule and hold a public hearing for the purpose of gathering public input. We are excited about the opportunity to partner with the Georgia Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Student Achievement.

Respectfully,



Thomas B. Lockamy, Jr., Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
Enclosure

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Vision - From school to the world: All students prepared for productive futures*

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## CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, Mary Davis-Brown, the duly elected, qualified, and Acting Secretary of The Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham do hereby certify that the following action was taken by said Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham at a Special Called Board meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2015:

**Moved by Dr. Hoskins, seconded by Mrs. Hines:** That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Savannah-Chatham County Board of Public Education shall submit a Letter of Intent to the State Board of Education for the purposes of pursuing the Strategic Waivers School System Flexibility Option, and shall schedule and hold a public hearing for the purpose of gathering public input regarding the performance contract.

**Voting in favor of the motion:** 7 Ms. Jolene Byrne  
Dr. Dionne Hoskins  
Mrs. Cornelia Hall  
Mrs. Irene Hines  
Mr. Shawn Kachmar  
Mrs. Jennifer Lambeth  
Mrs. Julie Wade

**Voting against the motion:** 2 Ms. Ruby Jones  
Mr. Larry Lower

**The motion carried.**

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

Mary Davis-Brown, Board Secretary  
The Board of Public Education for the City  
of Savannah and the County of Chatham