

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: DeKalb County Board of Education and the DeKalb County School District joins the family in celebrating the life of former Superintendent, Dr. Crawford Lewis; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Crawford Lewis served DeKalb County School District, as Superintendent from 2004-2010; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Lewis' career in education included 33 years as a Physical Education teacher, assistant principal, principal, executive director, senior director, and superintendent overseeing more than 100,000 students in Georgia's third largest school district; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Lewis was honored nationally and locally to include DeKalb Schools Principal of the Year, recipient of the Milken Foundation's National Education Award, NAACP Education Award, Outstanding Leadership by Leadership DeKalb and Who's Who Guide to Atlanta's Top Educational Leaders by the Atlanta Business Chronicle; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Lewis was recognized as a visionary leader who operated under the theme, "A Premier DeKalb, the Blueprint for Success"; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Lewis led the charge to open new schools and facilities throughout DeKalb; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Lewis is survived by his wife, Sandra, his children, Denise and Matthew, who both graduated from DeKalb County schools; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Lewis continued to serve as a volunteer in the community through various organizations including the DeKalb, Metro Atlanta and Georgia Chambers of Commerce; DeKalb Rotary Club; and the 100 Black Men of DeKalb County among others. As a member of Lithonia First United Methodist Church (UMC), he served as a food bank volunteer, administrative council chair, at-large delegate for the 2022 Annual UMC Conference and was selected as Church Lay Leader for 2023; and
- THEREFORE: We, the DeKalb County Board of Education and Interim Superintendent, on behalf of the DeKalb County School District, do hereby acknowledge the noble career of Dr. Crawford Lewis, for his dedication and service to the children of DeKalb County School District.

In official recognition, whereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 6th day of February 2023.



Mr. Dijon DaCosta Sr., Board Chair



Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Vice Chair



Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent