

**BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR BIBB COUNTY
RESOLUTION TO REALLOCATE ESPLOST FUNDS**

WHEREAS, at an election duly called and held on November 5, 2019 (the “Election”), in Bibb County, Georgia (the “County”), a majority of the qualified voters of the County voting in said Election voted in favor of continuing a special on percent (1%) sales and use tax for education beginning January 1, 2021 (the “2021 ESPLOST”) for purposes of financing certain school capital outlay projects; and

WHEREAS, among others, the projects to be funded by the 2021 ESPLOST included acquiring, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new fine arts facility (the “Fine Arts Facility”); purchasing and providing improved technology, safety and security systems (“Technology Improvements”); and renovations and repairs to middle and high schools (“School Renovations”); and acquiring, improving, and renovating athletic facilities, including renovations to Thompson Stadium and renovations to middle school athletic fields; and

WHEREAS, the resolution calling for the Election (the “Referendum Resolution”) and the Notice of Election contained therein provided that plans and specifications for the capital outlay projects described in the Referendum Resolution had not been initiated and bids had not been received, and that depending upon acquisition and construction costs and available funds, the Board of Public Education for Bibb County (the “Board of Education”) could add to, modify, or delete specific projects; and

WHEREAS, the amount budgeted for the Fine Arts Facility was \$20,000,000; and

WHEREAS, considering rising costs for acquisition and construction, it is no longer feasible to construct a Fine Arts Facility for the amount budgeted; and

WHEREAS, as part of the School Renovations, 2021 ESPLOST funds have been used to build new state-of-the-art auditoriums at Northeast High School, Rutland High School and Westside High School, and Central High School’s auditorium has new lighting and sound systems and is scheduled for seating upgrades; Howard High School is scheduled for renovations in the summer of 2025 and Southwest High School Auditorium will receive upgrades in the summer of 2026.

WHEREAS, 2021 ESPLOST funds are needed for Technology Improvements, renovations for Athletic Facilities and for renovation of Howard Middle School and Howard High School, all of which are projects that were approved for funding from the 2021 ESPLOST and which require greater funding than initially budgeted; and

WHEREAS, the current School Renovations provide adequate space for top level fine arts performances at all high schools; and

WHEREAS, the reallocation of 2021 ESPLOST funds from the Fine Arts Facility to Technology Improvements, Athletic Renovation, and School Renovation conforms to, and is not inconsistent with, the projects approved in the Referendum Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. The proceeds of the 2021 ESPLOST allocated to acquisition, construction and equipping of the Fine Arts Facility shall be reallocated for Technology Improvements, renovations for Athletic Facilities and for renovation of Howard Middle School and Howard High School, all of which are projects that were approved for funding from the 2021 ESPLOST.
2. All formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board and all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public or in executive session as permitted by applicable law and in accordance with Board policies.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

SO APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

James M. Freeman, President
Board of Public Education for Bibb
County

Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent
Bibb County School District