
FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

Request for a Reduction in High-Density Residential Development and Increase in High Quality Commercial Growth

WHEREAS, Forsyth County has experienced residential growth at an extremely fast pace over the last ten years or more; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the enrollment of the Forsyth County School District has increased by nearly 30% since 2015, reaching nearly 55,000 students as of 2025; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the demands of this residential, and subsequent student growth, the Forsyth County School District has invested over \$400 million in capital expenditures during this period without borrowing any funds and aggressively repaying outstanding debt; and

WHEREAS, growth continues at a steady pace across the County and the City of Cumming, placing increasing strain on the capacity of the Forsyth County School District's most recently constructed schools, many of which are already at or near capacity; and

WHEREAS, high-density residential development presents a unique challenge to the school system's financial sustainability, generating significantly more students within smaller geographic areas while contributing comparatively less in local tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Forsyth County Board of Education has reduced its millage rate three times in the past three years, totaling more than a 3-mill reduction; and

WHEREAS, the Forsyth County School District continues to perform at the highest levels, consistently ranking as Georgia's top-performing large school district and among the best overall in various educational metrics; and

WHEREAS, the Forsyth County Board of Education voluntarily adopted a 4% Homestead Exemption that took effect in January 2025, providing direct tax relief to homeowners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to preserve and strengthen its ability to continue building schools with cash, rapidly reduce existing debt, and provide ongoing tax relief to Forsyth County residents through reduced millage rates and exemptions:

1. The Forsyth County Board of Education respectfully requests that the Forsyth County Government and the City of Cumming take effective measures to reduce or eliminate high-density residential development; and

2. Take proactive steps to attract, support, and expand high-quality commercial development across the County and City; and
3. The Forsyth County Board of Education affirms its commitment to partner with both the Forsyth County Government and the City of Cumming in all reasonable efforts to attract and enable high-quality commercial investment in our shared community; and
4. The Forsyth County Board of Education calls on the business and development community to partner with our school system in the costs of education infrastructure in order to ensure our school district remains amongst the top performing large school systems in the nation.

Adopted this 15th day of April, 2025, by the Forsyth County Board of Education.

SIGNATURES

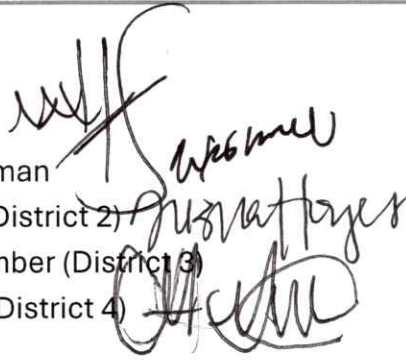
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