



PROCLAMATION

———— Honoring Dr. James R. Hallford ————

- WHEREAS: The DeKalb County Board of Education and the DeKalb County School District join the family in celebrating the life of former Superintendent, Dr. James R. Hallford; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. James R. Hallford served the DeKalb County School District from 1962-2002; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Hallford's 40-year career in education included being an English teacher, assistant principal, principal, Area I and II Administrator, Area II Assistant Superintendent, Associate and Deputy Superintendent, and Superintendent, overseeing more than 100,000 students in Georgia's third-largest school district; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Hallford's professional accomplishments include establishing a system-wide Teacher Forum, nine charter schools, four year-round schools, a School of the Arts, the pre-kindergarten program, the school nurses' program, the first Truancy School, the Junior Police Academy, 18 Family Technology Centers, School and Community Action teams in 31 schools, and the first "Reading First" program; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Hallford led the District during its first Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (E-SPLOST) initiative; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Hallford served our country as First Lieutenant in the United States Army Infantry from 1960 to 1962; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Hallford is survived by his wife, LeAnn, his children, Ren and Tryllis; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Hallford was a member of and served in leadership roles in many civic and community organizations of importance to him, such as being President of the Rotary Club of Tucker and a Paul Harris Fellow, President of the Twinless Twin Support Group International, and Vice President of the Georgia Federal Credit Union Board of Directors; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Hallford also served on the boards of the DeKalb Rape Crisis Center, the DeKalb Historical Society, the DeKalb Council for the Arts, Leadership DeKalb, and, in 1997, was awarded "Mr. DeKalb" by the American Heart Association; and
- THEREFORE: We, the DeKalb County Board of Education and Acting Superintendent, on behalf of the DeKalb County School District, do hereby acknowledge the noble career of Dr. James R. Hallford, for his dedication and service to the children of DeKalb County School District.

In official recognition, whereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 10th day of November 2025.



Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce
DeKalb County School District
Board Chair

Ms. Allyson Gevertz
DeKalb County School District
Board Vice Chair

Dr. Norman C. Sauce III
DeKalb County School District
Acting Superintendent