



PROCLAMATION

— Honoring Mrs. Mary Frances Edwards —

- WHEREAS: The DeKalb County Board of Education and DeKalb County School District join the family in celebrating the life of former board member, Mrs. Mary Frances Edwards; and
- WHEREAS: Mrs. Mary Frances Edwards served the DeKalb County Board of Education and DeKalb County School District, 1991-2006; and
- WHEREAS: Mrs. Edwards served as vice chair from 1991 to 1993 and became board chair from 1994 to 1995, making her the first Black person and first Black woman to hold that position; and
- WHEREAS: Mrs. Edwards spent over 15 years as a devoted school volunteer, including six years as president of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Beyond her work in education, Mrs. Edwards was deeply involved in civic and community organizations, including the NAACP and the local Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee; and
- THEREFORE: We, the DeKalb County Board of Education and Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Norman C. Sauce III, on behalf of the DeKalb County School District, do hereby acknowledge the noble service of Mrs. Mary Frances Edwards, for her dedication and service to the children of DeKalb County School District.

In official recognition, whereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 12th day of January 2026.



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
Interim Superintendent of Schools