

Exhibit B – Flexibility Component of Contract

For the Newton County School District

Under O.C.G.A. § 20-2-80 and SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.33, the Newton County School District is seeking flexibility for all its schools from the following state statutes and associated rules in exchange for greater accountability (as outlined in the SWSS/IE2 Partnership Contract) over the life of a five-year contract which allows for six years of flexibility between the Newton County School District Board of Education and the Georgia State Board of Education, except as prohibited in O.C.G.A. § 20-2-82(e).

Academic Flexibility

- Flexibility with regards to Competencies and Core Curriculum, Online Learning (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-140.1, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-142)
- Flexibility with regards to Educational Programs (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-151, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-153, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-154, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-154.1, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-155)
- Flexibility with regards Program for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-156)
- Flexibility with regards to Education Program for Gifted Students (SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.38)
- Flexibility with regards to Program Enrollment & Appropriation except to the extent it relates to funding (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-160).
- Flexibility with regards to Categorical Allotment requirements, Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-167, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-183, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-184, O.C.G.A. § 184.1, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-185, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-186)
- Flexibility with regards to Promotion and Retention Requirements (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-283)
- Flexibility with regards to Organization of Schools; Middle School Programs; Schedule (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-290)
- Flexibility with regards to Graduation Requirements for the purpose of substitution of equivalent or higher level requirements which will assist students in acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful as they continue their education at the postsecondary level and/or enter the workforce (SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.48)
- Flexibility with regards to Awarding Units of Credit for the purpose of substitution of equivalent or higher level requirements which will assist students in acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful as they continue their education at the postsecondary level and/or enter the workforce (SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.15)
- Flexibility with regards to School Attendance, Compulsory Attendance as it relates to the Attendance protocol (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-690.2)
- Flexibility in regards to Public School Choice (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2131)
- Flexibility with regards to Comprehensive HPE Program except as prohibited by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-82(e) (SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.12)
- Flexibility with regards to School Day and School Year for Students and Employees (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-151, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-160(a), O.C.G.A. § 20-2-168(c)).
- Flexibility with regards to Class Size/Staffing (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-182)

Financial Flexibility

- Flexibility with regard to QBE Financing except to the extent it relates to funding (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-161)
- Flexibility with regards to Direct Classroom Expenditure Controls (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-171)

HR Flexibility

- Flexibility with regards to Certification requirements (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-108, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-200, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-201, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-204)
- Flexibility with regards to Salary Schedule requirements (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-212)
- Flexibility with regards to Personnel Required (SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.22)