

The DeKalb County Board of Education adopted the following resolution with the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners in support of the cooperative use of schools and parks:

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board of Education and the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners are mutually interested in promoting the fullest possible use of public facilities which are owned and operated by the Board of Commissioners or by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that public participation in worthwhile recreational activities contributes both to individual health and to the wellbeing of our society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the provision of meaningful leisure opportunities can be properly recognized as a governmental service; and

WHEREAS, in order to minimize duplication in the provision of these services, and to maximize potential for quality programs, both agencies are committed to cooperate with one another whenever feasible;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Board of Education and the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners support the concept of cooperative use of schools and parks in an effort to create an improved quality of life for all DeKalb County citizens in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education for this cooperative effort on the part of the respective staffs to include:

1. Site coordination to include site selection, joint use of sites, joint leases and permits, cooperation related to site disposal and spatial standards.
2. Facility planning related to timing of construction, master planning, site layout, joint development and standardization of equipment where practical.
3. Facility maintenance procedures to reduce duplication and to share expertise.
4. operational procedures to improve program coordination, reduce duplication, foster joint sponsorship and share staff expertise.
5. Policy and legislative action to explore and recommend changes which will be mutual benefit.