

PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCHING HEARINGS RELATED TO THE FLOATING HOMESTEAD
EXEMPTION

The Dade County Board of Education announces its intention to hold public hearings for opting out of the statewide, floating homestead exemption, also known as House Bill 581.

Dade County is one of thirty-five counties in Georgia that currently has a floating homestead exemption. The current Dade County Value Freeze allows the taxpayer to freeze the assessment, based upon the previous year value on homestead property. This value freeze is for both county and school property on a primary residence and up to three acres. There are no age or income requirements for this exemption. Therefore, the Dade County Board of Education intends to opt out of HB581, allowing local governing authorities to maintain control over tax breaks rather than transferring this power to the state.

The Dade County School District is dedicated to ensuring both financial responsibility and academic excellence. The District works hard to maximize the use of taxpayer funds while providing a quality education for all students. Over the last 5 years, the District has lowered or maintained the millage rate. In 2019 the millage rate was set at 15.330 and in 2025, it is set at 14.000. The millage rate is currently set at the minimum rate in order to qualify for statewide, equalization funding. By balancing fiscal responsibility with a strong commitment to educational quality, the Dade County School System aims to effectively serve the academic needs of its students.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at the Dade County Board of Education located at 52 Tradition Lane, Trenton, GA 30752 on January 9, 2025, at 6:15 p.m., January 16, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., and January 23, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.