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INTENT TO SEEK FEEDBACK FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION OPT-OUT

Cumming, Georgia — January 17, 2025 — Forsyth County Schools announces its intent to seek community feedback regarding opting out of House Bill 581, a statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption. Georgia House Bill 581 took effect on January 1, 2025, and applies to counties, consolidated governments, municipalities, and school districts. This legislation allows districts a one-time opt-out opportunity.

“Our primary goal is to provide a safe, connected, and thriving learning experience for every student in our district,” said Mike Valdes, FCS Board of Education Chairman. “We want to ensure that any decision we make reflects the values and priorities of our community, which is why hearing from our stakeholders is so crucial.”

All community members are encouraged to attend public hearings on this matter at the Forsyth County Board of Education located at 1120 Dahlonega Highway, Cumming, Georgia 30040. These hearings will provide opportunities for stakeholders to ask questions, share perspectives, and learn more about the implications of opting out of HB581.

Hearing 1: January 28, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Hearing 2: February 4, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Hearing 3: February 11, 2025 at 4:00 pm

For more information, please visit www.forsyth.k12.ga.us.

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