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Effingham County Board of Education Announces Decision on HB 581

Springfield, GA – February 17, 2025 – The Effingham County Board of Education has announced its decision regarding Georgia House Bill 581, the recently passed legislation concerning homestead exemptions and property taxes. The Board has determined that it will not opt out of the provisions of HB 581.

This decision comes after careful consideration of the bill's potential impact on homeowners in Effingham County. The Board recognizes the importance of tax relief for residents and understands concerns about rising property values.

HB 581 is designed to help homeowners by limiting how much their property taxes can increase due to inflation. However, Effingham County already has a local exemption, known as the Carter-Burns Act, which provides similar protection by capping inflation rates on property taxes.

After reviewing both laws, the Board concluded that opting out of HB 581 would not provide additional benefits to residents. Instead, it could create confusion and unnecessary complexity for taxpayers.

The Effingham County Board of Education remains committed to responsible financial management and ensuring residents receive the most effective tax relief measures. The Board will continue to monitor the implementation of HB 581 and its impact on the community.

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