

**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF
HEARD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, GEORGIA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 18th day of March, 2025, a special election will be held at the regular polling places in all the election districts of Heard County at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of Heard County for their determination the question of whether a special sales and use tax for educational purposes of one percent shall continue to be levied, imposed and collected on all sales and uses in Heard County upon expiration of the current sale and use tax for a period of time not to exceed twenty (20) calendar quarters and for the purpose of raising \$37,950,000 of net proceeds by said tax, which shall go to the School District for the purpose of (i) paying a portion of principal and interest due of outstanding Heard County Public Facilities Authority (GA) Revenue Bonds (Heard County School District Project), Series 2020 the maximum amount of total debt service to be paid shall not exceed \$22,000,000; (ii) adding to, renovating, improving, equipping and furnishing existing school building and facilities, classrooms, agricultural facilities and other facilities; (iii) acquiring, constructing, equipping and furnishing new school buildings and facilities; (iv) purchasing school buses and other school vehicles; (v) acquiring technology equipment, computer hardware and software, safety and security equipment and other school equipment; (vi) acquiring textbooks and band instruments, and (vii) acquiring any capital property necessary or desirable for the foregoing purposes, both real and personal; all at a total estimated maximum cost of \$37,950,000.

The ballots to be used at such referendum shall have written or printed thereon substantially the following:

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| _____ | Yes | Shall a special one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes be continued in Heard County upon expiration of the current sales and use tax for a period not to exceed twenty (20) calendar quarters and for the purpose of raising \$37,950,000 of net proceeds by said tax, which shall go to the School District for the purpose of (i) paying a portion of principal and interest due of outstanding Heard County Public Facilities Authority (GA) Revenue Bonds (Heard County School District Project), Series 2020 the maximum amount of total debt service to be paid shall not exceed \$22,000,000; (ii) adding to, renovating, improving, equipping and furnishing existing school building and facilities, classrooms, agricultural facilities and other facilities; (iii) acquiring, constructing, equipping and furnishing new school buildings and facilities; (iv) purchasing school buses and other school vehicles; (v) acquiring technology equipment, computer hardware and software, safety and security equipment and other school equipment; (vi) acquiring textbooks and band instruments, and (vii) acquiring any capital property necessary or desirable for the foregoing purposes, both real and personal; all at an estimated total maximum cost of \$37,950,000. |
| _____ | No | |

The several places for holding said referendum shall be at the regular and established voting precincts of the election districts of Heard County, Georgia, and the polls will be open from 7: 00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the date fixed for the referendum. All polling places will be open.

The last day to register to vote in this referendum shall be February 17, 2025.

Those residents of Heard County qualified to vote at such referendum shall be determined in all respects in accordance with the election laws of the State of Georgia.

This notice is given pursuant to a resolution of the Heard County Board of Education adopted on October 22, 2024.

This 8th day of November, 2024.

Jane D. Barker, Chairman
Heard County Board of
Elections and Registration

Charles Tonnie Adams
Election Supervisor