



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** The quality of education of Georgia's students is the top priority of this state; and
- WHEREAS:** This state will strive to provide quality education to every student regardless of that student's school district or school; and
- WHEREAS:** Every school district and school in this state will be held to the highest standard; and
- WHEREAS:** Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-72(a)(2), when a local school system or school has been placed on the level of accreditation immediately preceding loss of accreditation for school board governance related reasons and does not retain full accreditation, the State Board of Education shall recommend to the Governor whether to suspend all eligible members; and
- WHEREAS:** Pursuant to this same code section, if the State Board of Education makes a recommendation to suspend, the Governor may suspend all eligible members and appoint temporary replacement members; and
- WHEREAS:** Under the provisions outlined above, the State Board of Education has recommended to the Governor the suspension of all eligible members of the DeKalb County Board of Education; and
- WHEREAS:** A non-partisan, non-political committee composed of education professionals and advocates best ensures the highest quality of replacement school board members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That following eligible members of the DeKalb County School Board are hereby suspended: Ms. Nancy T. Jester (District 1), Ms. Sarah Copelin-Wood (District 3), Mr. Jesse "Jay" Cunningham, Jr. (District 5), Ms. Donna G. Edler (District 7), Dr. Pamela A. Speaks (District 8), and Dr. Eugene P. "Gene" Walker (District 9).

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That there is created the DeKalb County School Board Nominating Committee. The Committee shall make nominations to the Governor in a timely manner to replace the suspended board members of the DeKalb County School Board.

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ORDERED: That the Committee shall consist of Mr. Kenneth Mason, a current member of the State Board of Education from the congressional district in which the school board at issue is located; Mr. Jim Bostic, a former member of the State Board of Education from the congressional district in which the school board at issue is located; Ms. Sadie Dennard, a representative from the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Alicia Phillip, a representative of a local not-for-profit entity; and Mr. Garry McGibeny, in his capacity as a representative of the Georgia Department of Education. Mr. Kenneth Mason shall serve as chairman of the committee.

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ORDERED: That members of the Committee shall serve without compensation, but are entitled to receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties for the Committee. Such reimbursement shall be expended from funds appropriated to or otherwise available from the Office of the Governor of the State of Georgia.

This 25 day of February, 2013.



GOVERNOR