

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax VI Resolution

WHEREAS, both Atlanta Public and Fulton County School Systems strive to provide their students with a high-quality education, and

WHEREAS, Atlanta Public and Fulton County School students deserve to learn in safe, secure, well-maintained buildings with up-to-date high-quality educational materials, and

WHEREAS, technology equipment, such as computers, printers and software, needs to be continually upgraded and refreshed to keep our students learning on current equipment, and

WHEREAS, Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) equipment needs to match the tools and machines utilized in industry, and

WHEREAS, due to HOPE and Pre-K funding requirements, no funds have been available from the Georgia Lottery to fund K-12 programs or classroom technology, and

WHEREAS, the state of Georgia does not provide sufficient funding for maintenance of existing schools, and

WHEREAS, sales tax funding is a “pay as you go” approach that incurs no long term debt with interest payments and allows more tax collections to go directly towards pre-specified classroom capital and technology expenses, and

WHEREAS, the state of Georgia is continuing to implement austerity cuts to state education funding, requiring local systems to shoulder an increasing percentage of the cost of education;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Georgia PTA District 10 supports the continued use of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to fund the construction of educational facilities, school renovations, classroom materials, technology and equipment, and other capital outlay needs, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Georgia PTA District 10 urges its members and the community to vote YES to reauthorize the Education SPLOST for the Atlanta Public and Fulton County School Systems.