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## CLARKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SET TO VOTE TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR DISTRICT OFFICES

### Property Currently Houses Piedmont College Offices on Prince Avenue

Athens, Georgia — The Clarke County Board of Education is scheduled to hold a vote at a called meeting on June 25, 2020, to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the property currently housing Piedmont College offices on Prince Avenue. The property will be used for district offices.

The district and the BOE have been working to find adequate space to house district office staff, now working in multiple offices across several district-owned buildings in Clarke County. The current district offices, at the H. T. Edwards Learning Center, were created out of space intended for the Athens Community Career Academy (ACCA). The ACCA is currently undergoing renovations and much-needed expansion to serve high school students.

“We are excited by this decision, not only to consolidate and better manage district operations but, more importantly, provide additional programs and opportunities for students at ACCA,” states Mr. Charles Worthy, BOE member and chair of the property committee.

The district will enter into a lease/purchase agreement, with an intended occupation date of no earlier than January 2021.

“The district is utilizing funds set aside for administrative offices, so this decision will not impact other projects already approved by the board,” states Dr. Xernona Thomas, interim superintendent. “We are appreciative to the board for their collaboration and support.”

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