

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Decatur County Board of Education will hold two public hearings, one at five o'clock P.M. on May 10, 2021, and the second at six o'clock P.M. on May 20, 2021. Both meetings will be held at the Decatur County School District Board Offices, 1417 Dothan Road, Bainbridge, Georgia 39817. The purpose of the hearings will be to allow a full discussion of the Superintendent's recommendation to close John Johnson Elementary and rezone all grades level PK-6.

If the recommendation is approved, Jones Wheat Elementary and West Bainbridge Elementary will become primary schools, housing grades PK through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The students currently attending John Johnson Elementary and West Bainbridge Elementary in grades Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will attend West Bainbridge Primary. The students currently attending Potter Street Elementary and Jones Wheat Elementary in grades Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will attend Jones Wheat Primary. Hutto Middle will become an elementary school and will serve all students in Decatur County in grades 3 through 5. All students in Decatur County Schools in grades 6 through 8 will attend Bainbridge Middle School. All students in Decatur County Schools that attends the New Beginnings Learning Center (NBLC) will be relocated to the Potter Street Elementary building. There are no construction projects contemplated in order to complete these moves.

The Board of Education has not yet determined the future use or disposal of the property on which this school is located if the facility is no longer needed for its present purpose. Possible plans would include use by the school system for other instructional or administrative purposes, lease or conveyance to governmental entities for other community purposes or lease or sale to private entities or individuals.

The Decatur County Board of Education invites the public to attend these hearings and comment on these plans. All speakers will be asked to sign in prior to the beginning of the meeting and only those who have signed in prior to the meeting will be allowed to speak. The Board of Education also requests written comments or suggestions regarding these plans. Such written comments can be sent to Decatur County Schools, 1417 Dothan Rd., Bainbridge, GA 39817 or emailed to [reply@dcboe.com](mailto:reply@dcboe.com).