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## Adopted FY 2019 millage rate is lowest since 2010

The Fulton County School Board approved FY 2019 millage rates today, a combined millage of 17.796 that is the lowest school tax rate in the metro Atlanta area.

The motion passed with a vote of 4-2-1, with members Bernath, Dean, Dove, and Stuart voting for approval, and McCain and Reeves voting not to approve. Board President Linda Bryant abstained from the vote. Reeves made a motion to amend the motion to set the millage at 17.546 for a full one mill roll back which was seconded by Linda McCain. The motion did not carry with 2 yeas, 4 nays (Bernath, Dean, Dove, Stuart) and one abstention (Bryant).

Fulton County's total millage consists of two rates – a maintenance and operations (M&O) rate and a debt service rate. The school board adopted a 17.796 M&O rate and a 0.0 mill debt service rate, making the total – 17.796 mills – the lowest Fulton County Schools millage rate since 2010.

“Our adopted millage rates are the lowest in metro Atlanta, and this is due to our school board’s keen financial oversight,” said Superintendent Jeff Rose. “Setting millage is a difficult and complicated process. I commend the way our board has balanced the community’s desire for lower tax rates with providing the appropriate funding for our schools and classrooms.”

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**About the Fulton County School System.** The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. Approximately 95,000 students attend 106 schools in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South Fulton and Union City.