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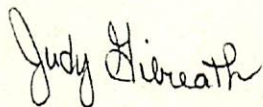
April 10, 2015

Garry McGiboney, Deputy Superintendent
Georgia Department of Education
2053 Twin Towers East
205 Jesse Hill Jr., Drive
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5080

Dear Dr. McGiboney:

The State of Georgia in Article 4, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-84 has required that each local school system must notify the Georgia Department of Education of its intention of operating as an Investing in Educational Excellence (IE²) School System, A Charter System, or a Status Quo System no later than June 30, 2015. This letter is to inform you of the intent of the Whitfield County School System to operate as an IE² school system through development of the IE² partnership between our school district and the State Board of Education. Enclosed please find a resolution from the Whitfield County Board of Education indicating our intent to begin discussion for contract development.

Regards,



Judy Gilreath,
Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: Lou Erste, Associate Superintendent, Georgia Department of Education
Martha Ann Todd, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Student Achievement