# OFFICIAL ABSENTEE / PROVISIONAL / EMERGENCY BALLOT

Walker County, Georgia

Precinct: Lafayette, Walnut Grove, Rock Spring, Armuchee Valley, Mountain, Chatt Valley, Kensington, Rossville Chickamauga, Fairyland, Fairview

Special Election - March 18, 2025



### To Vote:

- 1. Use Black or Blue Ink to mark the ballot.
- 2. Completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the candidate name or choice in all races you wish to vote.
- 3. If voting for a Write-In candidate, completely fill in the oval to the left of the Write-In selection, then write the name of the Write-In candidate in the space provided.

#### Warning

- Do NOT use red ink or felt tip pen to mark ballot.
- Do NOT circle, underline or mark through choices.
- Do NOT use check marks or X to mark ballot.
- Do NOT mark more choices per race than allowed.
- Do NOT sign, cut, tear or damage the ballot.

## If you make a mistake or change your mind on a selection:

A. Do not attempt to mark through the selection or attempt to erase. Write "Spoiled" across the ballot AND across the return envelope.
B. Mail or return the spoiled ballot and envelope to your county board of registrars; a new official absentee ballot will be mailed to you.

<u>If you decide to vote in-person:</u> Surrender the ballot to the poll manager at an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot.

"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [O.C.G.A. 21-2-284(e), 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383(a)]

## **Special Election**

# 1% Educational Sales and Use Tax

(Vote for One)

Shall a one percent sales and use tax be imposed in Walker County for a period of time not to exceed 20 calendar quarters and for the raising of not more than \$62,000,000, (i) approximately \$53,692,000 (86.6%) of which shall be received by the Walker County School District for the purposes of: (a) renovations, additions, improvements, and equipping of existing schools; (b) acquisition, constructing/enhancing, and equipping of CTAE (Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education), Fine Arts, and Athletic facilities; (c) acquisition and equipping of safety and security equipment for educational and central office services building and/or facilities; (d) acquisition, construction, and equipping of auxiliary gymnasiums at Chattanooga Valley, LaFayette, Rossville, and Saddle Ridge Middle Schools; (e) acquisition and equipping of school buses, and maintenance vehicles and equipment; (f) paving and repairing of parking lots and entrance roads; (g) acquisition and upgrading of technology, computers and e-books, including expansion of the technology plan to improve student to device ration; and (h) acquisition of any property, both real and personal, and equipment necessary in connection with the above-described capital outlay projects, and future school, facilities, administrative offices, support services, and other purposes of the Walker County School District; and (ii) approximately \$8,308,000 (13.4%) of which shall be received by the Board of Education of the City of Chickamauga for the purposes of: (a) acquisition, installation, and upgrading of system-wide security, safety equipment, technology equipment, including computers, textbooks and e-books; (b) renovations, improvements, and equipping of existing educational buildings, properties, facilities, and athletic facilities; (c) acquisition, construction, and equipping of new educational buildings, athletic sites and facilities system-wide; (d) acquisition of any property, both real and personal, and equipment necessary in connection with the above described capital outlay projects, and (e) acquisition of real property for future schools, facilities, administrative offices, athletic sites, support services, and other purposes of the City of Chickamauga School System?

If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of (i) the issuance of general obligation debt of the Walker County School District in the principal amount of \$20,000,000 for the purpose of financing the costs of the capital outlay projects of the Walker County School District described above and (ii) the issuance of general obligation debt of the City of Chickamauga in the principal amount of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of financing the costs of the capital outlay projects of the Chickamauga School System described above.

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