



Georgia General Assembly

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Georgia State Board of Education
Georgia Department of Education
205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE
Atlanta, GA 30334

As the State legislators representing the families, students, educators and taxpayers of Dublin City Schools, we respectfully request your careful consideration of the circumstances surrounding the Dublin City School System's accreditation status and the actions necessary to restore effective governance, financial accountability, and public confidence.

On April 10, 2026, the Cognia Global Commission placed the Dublin City School System on "Accredited Under Conditions" status, the accreditation level immediately preceding loss of accreditation. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 20-2-73, this status requires a hearing before the State Board of Education to review the circumstances affecting the school system's accreditation. We appreciate the Board's commitment to fulfilling this statutory responsibility and ensuring that any action taken is based on the facts presented and the best interests of Dublin's students.

Dublin's students deserve stable leadership, sound governance, and a school system fully focused on their academic success. When an entire school system is placed on the accreditation level immediately preceding loss of accreditation, meaningful intervention may be necessary to protect educational opportunities and restore public trust. While local control remains a cornerstone of Georgia's educational system, it must be accompanied by transparency, responsible stewardship, financial accountability and a commitment to meeting the standards expected of Georgia's public schools.

As you conduct your thorough and timely review and hold the required hearing, we respectfully ask that the hearing not be delayed again and that you consider all actions necessary to restore effective governance and public confidence in the Dublin City School System.

Dublin City students deserve a stable school system that provides a high-quality education and prepares them for future success. I appreciate your service to Georgia's students and your commitment to ensuring that every child has access to an excellent public education.

Thank you for your timely consideration of this matter and for your dedication to serving students, families and communities across our state.

Sincerely,

Senator Larry Walker
Senate President Pro Tempore

Chairman Matt Hatchett
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

Cc: The Honorable Brian. P. Kemp