

COLUMBIA COUNTY

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/CHALLENGED BALLOT

**OFFICIAL SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
MARCH 19, 2019**

To vote, blacken the Oval (●) next to the candidate of your choice. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, manually WRITE his or her name in the write-in section and blacken the Oval (●) next to the write-in section. If you desire to vote YES or NO for a PROPOSED QUESTION, blacken the corresponding Oval (●). Use only blue or black pen or pencil.

Do not vote for more candidates than the number allowed for each specific office. Do not cross out or erase. If you erase or make other marks on the ballot or tear the ballot, your vote may not count.

If you change your mind or make a mistake, you may return the ballot by writing "Spoiled" across the face of the ballot and return envelope. You may then mail the spoiled ballot back to your county board of registrars, and you will be issued another official absentee ballot. Alternatively, you may surrender the ballot to the poll manager of 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." [OCGA 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383(a)]

Columbia County School District 1% Sales and Use Tax for Educational Purposes (ESPLOST) and Approval of Bonds
(Vote for One)

Shall \$160,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Columbia County School District General Obligation Bonds (the "Bonds") be authorized to be issued for the purpose of providing funds to pay a portion of the cost of the capital outlay projects described in clause (2) below, to pay capitalized interest incident thereto, and to pay expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing; and, in order to raise funds to pay a portion of the debt service on the Bonds and a portion of the cost of such capital outlay projects, as further described in clauses (1) and (2) below, shall a one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes of the Columbia County School District be reimposed within Columbia County, upon the termination of the one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes presently in effect, for a maximum period of time of 20 calendar quarters and for the raising of not more than \$160,000,000, for the purposes of providing funds to pay a portion of (1) debt service in the maximum amount of \$94,000,000 on the Bonds; and (2) the cost of the following capital outlay projects of the Columbia County School District: (a) acquiring, constructing, and equipping three new elementary schools, two new middle schools, and one new high school, (b) acquiring land for future schools and other facilities, instructional and administrative technology improvements, school buses and other vehicles, and safety, security, and maintenance equipment, (c) adding to, renovating, repairing, improving, and equipping existing school buildings, administration buildings, athletic facilities, and other buildings and facilities useful or desirable in connection therewith, and (d) acquiring any necessary property therefor, both real and personal, the maximum cost of such capital outlay projects not to exceed the balance of the proceeds of such one percent sales and use tax?

- YES
- NO

