Board of Education

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Dear Hoover Parents,

Our school system consistently ranks among the best in Alabama thanks to your support. We have rigorous, relevant curriculum delivered by top-notch educators; a wide range of extracurricular offerings for students; safe, clean facilities; and so much more. None of this would be possible without the continued financial support we receive from our community.

We hope you will continue that support for our students by casting a vote <u>FOR</u> renewal on March 7, 2017. On the ballot that day for Jefferson County residents of Hoover will be the <u>renewal</u> of three <u>existing</u> property taxes that have been in place since the early 1990s. Voting <u>FOR</u> these taxes is simply renewing the existing support you provide. These are **NOT** new taxes.

Collectively, these three property taxes bring in approximately \$22,000,000 annually for Hoover City Schools. That support helps us in a number of ways:

- Pays for many of our teachers, keeping class sizes small and manageable
- Helps provide extra opportunities for students, including academy programs
- Provides funding for maintenance and operations of facilities, keeping schools clean and safe
- Allocates funds towards capital projects

We have made cuts to personnel and programs over the past few years as we cope with unstable state and federal funding. Local support makes all the difference in a system like Hoover City Schools. Renewing this local support proves critical to our future.

Our website, <u>www.hoovercityschools.net</u>, has a list of polling locations, sample ballots, and more. Please help shape the future of our school system by voting <u>FOR</u> the renewals on March 7!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathy L. Murphy Superintendent