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Officials hope BOE will approve tax allocation districts

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SUWANEE - The Gwinnett County Board of Education will be asked Thursday to authorize the school system's participation in five tax allocation districts established by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners.

In October, commissioners approved five districts to encompass the Jimmy Carter and Indian Trail Road sections of the Gwinnett Village Community Improvement District, the Park Place and Lake Lucerne areas of the Evermore CID and an area of the Gwinnett Place CID.

In a tax allocation district, the expected increase in tax value that would come after a revitalization project is used to leverage financing for infrastructure upgrades.

The school board will vote during its monthly business meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Instructional Support Center in Suwanee, 437 Old Peachtree Road N.W., Suwanee.

Also that evening, the school board will hold a public hearing regarding the use of stimulus funds for Title I schools.

A portion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds can be used to support options such as public school choice or supplemental education services in the district's three schools that have been placed on the Needs Improvement list under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Because the school district has already set aside sufficient funds to cover these options, Gwinnett County Public Schools is seeking approval from the Georgia Department of Education to use the stimulus funding to support school improvement efforts at the school system's 42 Title I schools.

Public comment can be given to the school board at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

To view the complete agenda for Thursday's meeting, visit www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/board.nsf and click on "Enter Public Site."

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