

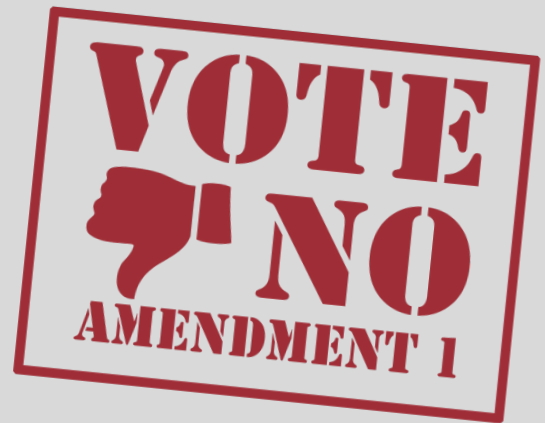
VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 1

THE "OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT"

WHAT YOU WILL SEE ON THE BALLOT:

Amendment #1: Provides greater flexibility and state accountability to fix failing schools through increasing community involvement.

"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to allow the state to intervene in chronically failing public schools in order to improve student performance?"



WHAT IT REALLY MEANS

"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to allow an appointee of the Governor to **TAKE OVER LOCAL SCHOOL OPERATIONS**, take possession of buildings, and **TAKE CONTROL of all federal, state and LOCAL FUNDING** if a school has low scores on standardized tests or for any other reason a future legislature and/or Governor may allow?"



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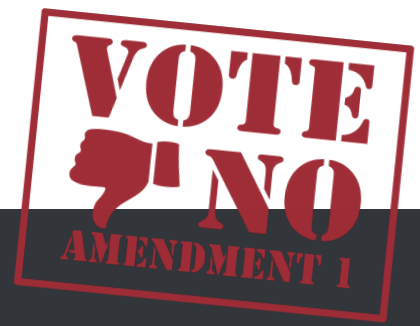


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CRUCIAL FACTS



ABOUT AMENDMENT #1 - OSD



The OSD's Superintendent will be appointed by and will serve at the pleasure of the Governor (line 45-47)



The OSD will select the schools (line 57-61)



The OSD's superintendent will have the authority to waive the policies of the Department of Education (line 84-86)



The OSD supersedes all contracts with schools. (line 103-106)



The OSD will determine who gets contracts for services. (line 151-160)



The OSD will subjectively rate public schools A, B, C, D, or F in the state. (line 108-111)



The OSD will determine achievement and growth of the state's schools. (line 170-172)



The OSD can purchase services from anyone. (line 151)



The OSD may add 20 additional schools each year. (line 57-61)



The OSD will set the goals for all school staff (line 199)



Public school's facilities will be controlled by the OSD. (line 261-262)



The OSD will keep the schools for a minimum of five years, but may keep for 10 years. (line 283-287)



The OSD's schools are not guaranteed to be returned to their public districts. (line 292-311)



Local school districts will continue to pay for major operations, repairs, transportation, etc. (line 276-278)



Public schools' personnel will be reconstituted or dismissed. (line 179-184)



The OSD may treat other schools as a single education agency. (line 305-318)



Funding for OSD schools must be equal to QBE funding and federal money. (line 320-333)



The OSD will be judge and jury per the OSD schools' performance and data. (line 312-318)



Schools allowed to exit the OSD will continue to stay at the same funding level. (line 346)



All laws in conflict with this act are repealed. (line 431)