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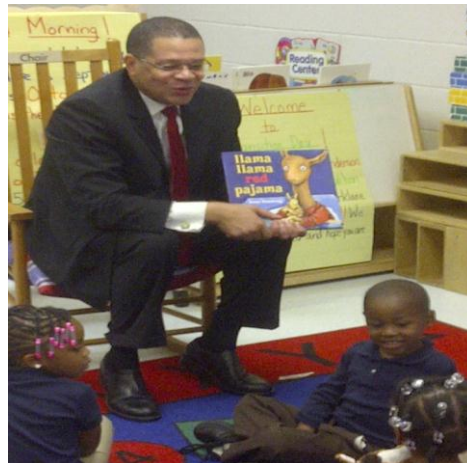
By John Eaves

One of the big issues facing residents in Fulton and DeKalb is the Education SPLOST, which funds much of the repairs and capital projects for our schools. To me, supporting educational funding for capital projects is critical to the future success of our region.

While the renovations over the past 15 years have helped the districts maintain the standards of our schools and keep up with the surge in population in our region, we must realize that our school age population continues to grow. Not reauthorizing the Education sales tax will lead to overcrowded classrooms and oversized schools. Our teachers and administrators will lack the resources necessary to handle the physical needs required to

Statement from Chairman John Eaves:

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FULTON COUNTY CHAIRMAN JOHN EAVES HELPED SET TWO NEW WORLD RECORDS ON OCTOBER 6 AT PARKLANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN EAST POINT

**Jumpstart’s Read for the Record focused attention on
the importance of early childhood education**

In East Point on October 6, Fulton County Chairman John Eaves and students at Parklane Elementary School joined

run our schools.

The reasons we must reauthorize the Education SPLOST to me are twofold. First, the future demands an educated citizenry. Our schools must serve as the learning laboratories for that future and they need significant resources to build for that future, which this Education SPLOST will provide. For Atlanta to thrive in the Twenty First Century we must not only invest in physical infrastructure; we must also commit ourselves to funding our intellectual infrastructure. Not doing so threatens our children's future.

Second, making sure our children have outstanding educational resources is just good business. Good jobs follow good schools. If our schools do not meet the expectations of would be employers, these businesses can and will go to other markets. Our children will need to leave Metro Atlanta in the years to come for job opportunities and our region will wither. On the other hand, providing our children with a world class education will help ensure that good jobs of today and the entrepreneurs and business leaders of tomorrow will continue to call Atlanta home. Not doing so threatens the economic growth of our region.

children across the country in reading celebrations to support Jumpstart's Read for the Record.

"As a father and an active participant in my children's schools, it was my honor to participate in Jumpstart's Read for the Record today at Parklane Elementary in East Point. The sense of joy in the children's faces was phenomenal. I encourage all citizens to increase their participation in their schools and to ensure that our next generation is our greatest because of the wise investments we make in their future now."

Jumpstart's Read for the Record, presented in partnership with the Pearson Foundation, is a world-record-breaking campaign that brings together children and adults to read the same book on the same day. As part of Read for the Record on October 6, adults read the official campaign book, *Llama Llama Red Pajama* by Anna Dewdney, to more than **two million children**.

This year for the first time, [We Give Books](#), a digital reading initiative from the Pearson Foundation and the Penguin Group, made the official campaign book available for free online so even more people can participate and help to set a new digital reading record.

Jumpstart's Read for the Record event in East Point featured readings of *Llama Llama Red Pajama* with 66 children in the PreK program and 88 in the kindergarten classes. In addition, the Pearson Foundation donated a copy of *Llama Llama Red Pajama* to each pre-K and kindergarten classroom in the Fulton County School System.

Fulton County Task Force Looks for Efficiencies in the Judicial System

["Our criminal justice system must be brought into the 21st century. Working together, we must reduce costs by holistically looking at criminal justice, which includes streamlining business processes and integrating technology to improve the speed, efficiency and communications of the overall system."](#) - Fulton County Chairman John H Eaves.

"Fulton's taxpayers deserve a Judiciary that recognizes its unique role in this State and the value of the taxpayers' dollars. The world has vastly changed since 1976, when our current system was designed," said Chief Judge Cynthia D. Wright, Superior Court of the Atlanta Judicial

Circuit and Fifth Circuit Administrative Judge. "It will be vastly different in 2025. The time is now to design a system that protects the public and protects the public purse."