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**Our Mission**

The Fulton Public Schools Foundation is an independent non-profit organization providing financial support to enhance the educational experience in the Fulton Public Schools.

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Dear Editor,

The Fulton Public Schools Foundation exists to support the School District. Foundation Board Members are Fulton Alumni and others that believe a high quality school district is essential to our community and for the future of our children. Our support typically is focused on special projects and/or items not available in the regular budget.

Historically, the Fulton Community has demanded excellence from the District. Two objectives have been a common theme, providing necessary and appropriate services to students and attracting and retaining quality faculty and staff. However, our schools are at a turning point.

Currently, our community and students are rapidly changing! Issues of bullying, self-harm, and simple individual destructive behavior invade our classrooms resulting in the need for intensive student mental health support, faculty training for behavior issues and financial support to keep teachers in our district.

To maintain a quality school district, the Fulton Board of Education has proposed an Operating Tax Levy increase of \$0.5698. Yes, this is a significant request but the last Operating Levy Tax request was in 2003, fifteen years ago. The request allows continuation of the mental health grant resources, which are ending in November, and begins addressing retention of teachers and other district staff in all positions.

The Proposition K election is scheduled for August 7, 2018. 52% of the levy resources will be devoted to direct student services for mental health issues and continued academic support. 48% of the levy resources will improve all faculty and staff compensation; especially our certificated staff members.

Several informational items regarding Proposition K are posted on the FPS web site, [www.fulton58.org](http://www.fulton58.org).

Please join the Fulton Public Schools Foundation members in ensuring quality in Fulton Public Schools by voting YES for Proposition K.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rodney K. Latty'.

President

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Executive Director