



City of  
DEKALB  
**Proclamation**

**Whereas,** the provision of a free, appropriate, public education for its children is one of the hallmarks of an enlightened society; and,

**Whereas,** the provision of a free, appropriate, public education for our children is required, regulated and protected by both federal and state law; and,

**Whereas,** the quality of a community's educational system reflects the nature of the community itself; and,

**Whereas,** the State of Illinois requires that its school districts primarily fund their operations through property taxes and those bond issues with which the taxpayers choose to encumber themselves, through the passage of referenda; and,

**Whereas,** DeKalb Community Unit School District No. 428U has determined that it is in need of funds, through a referendum scheduled for a vote on February 5, 2008, to expand its physical plant, by building a new high school and enlarging other buildings to accommodate an increasing student population; and,

**Whereas,** the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce has hosted a "town hall" meeting to allow interested voters to exchange information and become informed on the pending referendum question; and,

**Whereas,** the DeKalb Community Unit School District No. 428U has hosted an Open House at DeKalb High School to allow interested voters to view the High School's physical plant and to receive information on the pending referendum question; and,

**Whereas,** the need for voters to familiarize themselves with the issues regarding the pending referendum question is paramount; now,

**Therefore,** I, Frank Van Buer, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois do hereby proclaim the need for the voters of our community to become informed on the pending referendum question for DeKalb Community Unit School District No. 428U and encourage all voters to exercise their civic duty on February 5, 2008 and vote on the referendum question of DeKalb Community Unit School District No. 428U.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this     day of January, 2008.

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Frank Van Buer, Mayor