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OCGA Section 48-5-32.1, a statute governing the certification of assessed taxable value and method of computation requires that in those instances in which the recommending authority, the definition of which includes Counties Boards of Education, proposes to establish a millage rate, which would require increases beyond the roll-back rate, the recommending authority shall advertise such intent and shall conduct at least three public hearings.

On June 30, 2008, the Columbia County Board of Education, pursuant to these procedures held one of the three public hearings required under this statute. Although a quorum of Board Members planned and expected to attend said hearing, three Board Members were not able to attend. Therefore, only two Board Members were present at said public hearing. As it takes three Board Members to constitute a quorum to discharge the duties of the Columbia County Board of Education; and, because the Board of Education wishes to make certain all taxpayers are afforded the opportunity to attend three such public hearings with a duly constitute quorum present, the Board of Education will hold the next two public hearings as scheduled. The date and time of the third public hearing will be shortly announced.

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