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**COBB COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD URGED TO ROLLBACK MILLAGE RATE  
BY 0.5 MILLS**

Marietta, GA – Cobb County School Board is being called upon by a concerned parent and local business owner, Laura Judge, to consider a rollback of the current millage rate by 0.5 mills. Laura Judge, who is also a candidate for the Post 5 seat of the Cobb County School Board, spoke at today's board meeting, making an appeal on behalf of community members in need of financial relief.

Judge began her appeal by expressing gratitude towards the board members and the superintendent for extending the speaking time for stakeholders to voice their concerns and opinions. She emphasized the importance of the board members and superintendent listening to these voices and urged them to seriously consider the proposal for a millage rate reduction made by the Vice-Chair, current Post 5 board member David Banks.

Judge stated, "I would like this board and the superintendent and staff to please listen to the folks that come here to ask for some relief on the millage rate. Maybe even listen to the current vice-chair who asked for a rollback of .5 mills."

She acknowledged the challenges a rollback could pose to the budget but emphasized the necessity of aligning the board's financial decisions with the needs and wishes of the community. "I know the budget revolves around what we expected the millage rate to be and rolling back the millage rate means tightening up within our budget. Please listen to the community members who are asking for relief."

In her capacity as a parent, small business owner, and aspiring school board member, Judge stands with a significant number of community members who believe a millage rate rollback is not only beneficial but necessary. It's a call for the board to take steps toward ensuring that the economic burden on taxpayers is minimized while still striving to provide a high-quality education for Cobb County students.

Laura Judge believes that the Cobb County School Board's response to this call will be a clear indicator of its commitment to putting the needs and interests of its constituents at the forefront of its decision-making processes.

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