



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEETING DATE:4/1/2026

ITEM ID: 2026-430

FROM: Christi Hankins, Assistant County Attorney

SUBJECT: 5:32 p.m. Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Authorizing a County-Wide Referendum to be held on the Statewide Primary August 18, 2026, as Requested by the Escambia County School Board.

DEPARTMENT: County Attorney

ITEM TYPE: Public Hearing

RECOMMENDATION/REQUIRED ACTION:

At the request of the Escambia County School Board, that the Board adopt the Ordinance authorizing a County-wide referendum to determine if the Superintendent of Schools of Escambia County, Florida, should be an elected position to be placed on the Statewide Primary Election Ballot on August 18, 2026.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

The School Board approved a Resolution at the February 18, 2025, Regular School Board Meeting, which states "Section 1001.461(3), Florida Statutes (2024), provides that a district which has adopted an appointive method for selecting a superintendent may, after four years, return to its former status by resolution requesting the Board of County Commissioners to place the proposition on the ballot at a general election or a statewide primary or special election."

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS/SIGN-OFF:

The proposed Ordinance was drafted by Christi J. Hankins, Assistant County Attorney, and was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on March 19, 2026.

PERSONNEL

N/A

POLICY/REQUIREMENT FOR BOARD ACTION:

N/A

IMPLEMENTATION/COORDINATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ord. 2026_School Board Superintendent referendum 08.18.26_CLEAN_CJH Legal Sign-Off 2-6-26 (1)
 2. Ord 2026_School Board Superintendent referendum 08.18.26 DRAFT_CJH Legal Sign-Off 2-6-26
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3. Business Impact Statement Superintendent_CJH Legal Sign-Off 2-6-26
 4. Translation Referéndum del Distrito Escolar del Condado de Escambia
 5. Affidavit of Publication - BCC 4.1.26, 5.32 PH
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