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CITY SETS TOWN HALL MEETING ON SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

Germantown's Board of Mayor and Aldermen will conduct a town hall meeting February 7 to discuss the possible consolidation of county and city school systems. The meeting, at 7 p.m. at the Germantown Performing Arts Centre, will include information about prospects for a Germantown municipal school district.

"At the town hall meeting, city officials will share all the information we've developed about the consolidation process, the transition if the districts are merged, the eventual impact on students and what our options are," said Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy. "Even as we've worked to understand the implications of a consolidated system, we've made every effort to explore alternatives for our community, including a district for Germantown."

"This whole situation has generated innumerable questions and few definitive answers," she continued. "We probably won't have all the answers by February 7 but we want to help everyone understand as many aspects of a municipal district as we're able to confirm by then."

The mayor noted that the situation "seems to change almost daily. This has so many dimensions—the March 8 referendum, potential legislative action to block it and substitute a year-long study, possible legislation to repeal prohibitions on municipal districts, and more—that multiple strategies are necessary."

Those attending the town hall meeting will have a chance to ask questions and share their comments following the presentation by city officials. The meeting will be available for online viewing at Germantown-tn.gov early morning of the following day. Anyone wishing to receive materials from the meeting, request more information or make a comment, may contact Stacey Ewell at sewell@germantown-t.gov or (901)751-7559.

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