

# SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE



## Board of Education Meeting May 28, 2008

The I Care pillar of character of the month for May is Self Control at the elementary level, Self Control at the middle school level, and Self Management at the high school level.

### **GPS Implementation's Impact on Test Scores**

For the past three years, Georgia has implemented a new curriculum, the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS). During this time period, the GPS have been rolled out in Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies in various grade levels (Gr. 1-12). As the new curriculum has been implemented in all subject areas, new **CRCT**'s and **GHSGT**'s have been created, that have set higher standards for students. Typically, after the second year of teaching the new GPS in a content area, the students are tested in that content area with the new **CRCT** or **GHSGT**.

For 2007-08, the following tests were new:

Gr. 3	Mathematics			
Gr. 4	Mathematics			
Gr. 5	Mathematics			
Gr. 6		Soc. Studies**		
Gr. 7		Soc. Studies**		
Gr. 8	Mathematics	Social Studies	Science	
Gr. 11			Science	Eng. / L.Arts

When you raise standards and expectations, it is not unusual to see a decrease on the percentage of students who are meeting those expectations.

\*\*The test scores in Grades 6 and 7 Social Studies were not the *normal dip*. Instead, the extremely poor test scores statewide were the result of an alignment problem and were, therefore, invalidated.\*\*

At this point, the new curriculum is still being rolled out in grades K-5 Social Studies and high school Mathematics. New standards and tests will be forthcoming in Grades 3-5 Social Studies, Grades 9-12 Mathematics, and Grades 9-12 Social Studies.

## **Superintendent's Incentive Awards**

\*The attached list includes the names of the students selected at each school and at each grade level to receive the Christine Blaylock Citizenship Award.

\*Display boards recognizing the Student of the Month have been designed for Dougherty High School and Monroe High School.

## **AYP Timeline**

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, the following dates were released from the Georgia Department of Education:

\*The deadline for verification report certification for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is June 25<sup>th</sup>. *At this point, the GDOE has not announced when AYP determinations will be released.*

\*AYP appeals must be filed no later than July 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Student Records**

The Student Record sign off deadline is June 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **CRCT Retest Vote**

During recent weeks, Superintendent Kathy Cox requested that superintendents respond to the following survey question: *Would you support the move to a more uniform school and test calendar in order to include CRCT retest scores in Georgia's annual AYP determinations?*

One of the advantages of a more uniform calendar would be the ability to retest students at the AYP grade levels of 3 – 8 prior to the AYP determination being made for individual schools and systems.

## **Extended Day Survey**

A survey was sent home by every elementary school student requesting information from parents / guardians about the need for Extended Day during the 2008-09 school year either on a full-time basis (pick-up time at 6:15 p.m.) or part-time basis (pick-up time at 4:00). The survey data will be compiled by Extended Day Coordinator Eric Newman, and then recommendations will be made for additional programs, if needed.

## **Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement**

The Dougherty County School System has been invited to participate in GLISI's Cohort 21 for the 2008-09 school year.

## **Opening and Closing Times**

The following times have been determined as regular work hours for teachers next year:

Elementary	7:30 – 3:30	School Day: 8:00 – 2:30
Middle	8:10 – 4:10	8:40 – 3:40
High	8:10 – 4:10	

The high school day may be adjusted by 15 minutes, if we can do so with the current tiers.

## **Summer Projects**

The following list includes the major construction projects, miscellaneous capital projects, Facilities Department projects, and technology projects impacting our schools during the summer months:

<b>STEP II Major Construction Projects</b>			
Project	Bid Date	Construction Start Date	Estimated Project Duration
Monroe High School Re-Roof	29-May-08	24-Jun-08	2 Months
Lake Park Elementary	19-Jun-08	18-Aug-08	18 Months
Westover High	24-Jul-08	15-Sep-08	20 Months
Turner Elementary	14-Aug-08	29-Sep-08	12 Months
Albany High	28-Oct-08	8-Dec-08	17 Months
Dougherty High	18-Nov-08	18-Jan-09	14 Months
<b>Miscellaneous Capital Projects</b>			
Project	Bid Date	Construction Start Date	Completion Date
VOIP in the Classrooms - Phase II (AHS,DHS,WHS,MAM,RCM,SGRAC,LPE,LME,SDE,& SWE)	5-Jan-07	7-Apr-08	30-Jun-08
Security and Access Control - Phase II (TNE,MGE,SGRAC,MAM,SSM,RCM,WTE,SRE,MSE,NSE,LPE,ACE,LRE,MKE,AHS,MHS,WHS,ISB,POLICE)		8-Apr-08	31-Jul-09
Elementary Gym Flooring (ACE,ISEM,LPE,LRE,MGE,MKE,MSE,NSE,RSE,SRE,TNE,WTE)	1-Apr-08	26-May-08	18-Jul-08
Misc Power for Model Classrooms	24-Apr-08	27-May-08	27-Jun-08
DHS Admin HVAC	13-May-08	27-May-08	18-Jul-08
GLRS @ Lincoln Complex (Gym/Media Building)	29-May-08	24-Jun-08	10-Oct-08
LOE Baseball Field and Fencing	29-May-08	23-Jun-08	1-Aug-08
MRE & WTE Enclose Walkways	29-May-08	23-Jun-08	1-Aug-08

TNE Asbestos Removal on 5th Grade Hall	17-Jun-08	7-Jul-08	14-Jul-08
TNE move 5th Grade Hall into Portables		27-May-08	29-May-08
LPE Asbestos Removal on Front Hall / Media Center	17-Jun-08	7-Jul-08	28-Jul-08
LPE move 4th-5th Grade into Portables and Relocate 1st-2nd Grade Classrooms		29-May-08	11-Jun-08

## Facilities Department Projects

Project	Construction Start Date	Completion Date
Paint Schools (SRE, AMS, NSE, & DMS)	1-Jun-08	30-Jun-08
Paint Schools (MAM, LRE, SSM, & RCM)	1-Jul-08	31-Jul-09
Facilities System-Wide Maintenance	27-May-08	29-Jul-08
Custodial Services System-Wide Summer Cleaning	27-May-08	29-Jul-08

## Summer Technology Projects

	Summer School	Model Classrooms w/board install	New Model Classroom install	Computer Upgrades
<b><u>High Schools</u></b>				
Albany		X	X	
Dougherty		X	X	X
Monroe		X	X	
Westover		X	X	X
<b><u>Middle Schools</u></b>				
Albany			X	
Dougherty			X	
Merry Acres	X		X	
Radium Springs	X	X		
Robert Cross			X	
Southside			X	
<b><u>Elementary Schools</u></b>				
Alice Coachman			X	X
Jackson Heights	X	X		
International Studies				
Lake Park			X	
Lamar Reese	X		X	X
Lincoln		X		
Live Oak	X	X		

Magnolia			X	
MLK			X	
Morningside			X	
Northside			X	X
Radium Springs			X	
Sherwood		X		
Sylvester Road			X	X
Turner			X	
West Town			X	X
<b><u>Other</u></b>				
GLRS				
SGRAC	X		X	
Oaktree				
ESP-Gifted (old Linc)				
Central Admin				
Isabella				

### **No Excuses School**

Magnolia Elementary School was one of 34 schools statewide recognized as a **2008 No Excuse School** by the Georgia Public Policy Foundation. This designation was based on the high achievement and the high poverty rate at the schools. Magnolia had an achievement score for their 5<sup>th</sup> graders of 92.5 calculated by the Foundation and a poverty rate of 89%.

### **Remediation for Retest of State Mandated CRCT's**

For those students at grades 3, 5, and 8, remediation is taking place at the summer school sites (JHES, LRES, LOES, MAMS, and RSMS) on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. The school day for elementary students will be from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for middle school students. The retests in **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading** and **5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Reading and Mathematics** will be administered on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Summer School**

As a result of ongoing efforts to monitor performance and reduce the retention rate throughout the year, there are fewer students not meeting promotion requirements this year. Regular summer school will be held at Jackson Heights Elementary and Merry Acres Middle. Classes will begin June 9<sup>th</sup> and will end on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Christine Blaylock Citizenship Awards - 2008

	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade		
<b>AHS</b>	Carlton Dixon	Joshua Ewing	Alexander Oliver	Robert Works		
<b>DCHS</b>	Terry Rucks	Lawanda Trent	Kindel Shelton	Ariel Daniel		
<b>MCHS</b>	Aric Cuffie	Isaiah Smart	Navaski Albaritten	Yasheema Morrison		
<b>WHS</b>	Evan J. Nelson	David T. Metz	Angel R. Edwards	Ande J. Stone		
	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade			
<b>AMS</b>	Melissa Gilyard	Loreal Watts	Mariah Marshall			
<b>DMS</b>	Oriente Ross	Cannedy Williams	Khadeshia Baskin			
<b>MAMS Gifted---- -</b>	Wai Lam	Alexandrea Van Dyke	Kerry Byrd			
	Chelsea Lee	Sayna Patel	Alex Donnan			
<b>RSMS</b>	Fabian Fulton	A'Bria McDonald	Martiana Ross			
<b>RCMM</b>	Brandon Mitchell	Jamilia Williams	Danielle Turner			
<b>SMS</b>	Darien Shannon	Timothy James	Shameica Carter			
	Kin.	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>AC</b>	Tremisha Wheeler	Javien Curry	DeJanea Moore	Jourdan Bell	Daisy Green	Raiquan James
<b>IS</b>	Marcus Rizer	Amiliano Berry	Daveyanna Byrd	Talia Sisroe	Enrique Lucas	
<b>JH</b>	Kee'Won Mathis	Candice Teal	Michaela Bennefield	Jessica Villegas	Kollier Martin	Savannah Gibson
<b>LP</b>	Emma Urick	Jada Marshall	Jasmine Jones	Janie Riggins	Spencer Brown	Tanner Mitchum
<b>LR</b>	Zipporah McKinney	Dyna Ramos	Tyler Doctrie	Janarius Johnson	Antonio Leroy	Jayla Anderson
<b>LO</b>	Asha Breedlove	Dajah Richey	Alexis Davis	Christopher Mathis	Paige Dabbs	Will Bice
<b>Lin.</b>	Aleia' King	Seely Murphy	Ashley Waters	Caitlyn Gordon	Nyla Perry	Briana Jackson
<b>Mag.</b>	Valencia Peterson	E'Lysia Green	Kavarius D. Brown	Elisa Walters	Shaquoia J. Hill	Malik Freeman
<b>MLK</b>	Destinie Jones	Mikayla Loud	Alexus Morgan	Shardajah Gaines	Ivey Green	Brian Prendergast
<b>Morn.</b>	Tymesha Henry	Destiny Richardson	Willie Mosely	Lekura Jones	Autumn Lofton	Janet Lee
<b>North.</b>	Mary Anderson	Gabriella Salazar	Roderick Majors	TeKeisha Brown	James Wright	Jimmy Collins

<b>RS</b>	Tyler Oliver	Sabrina Rainey	Ariel Taylor	Tiara Hobbs	Eugene James	Deveron Hawkins
<b>Sher.</b>	Morgan Johnston	Alexis Damerow	Kei' Aunna Chavis	Kayla Quimbley	Cierra Franklin	Makyah Clayton
<b>SR</b>	Julius Wilson, Jr.	Sierra Richardson	Kelontae Slater	Alyssa Davis	Leroy Taylor	Shauntavia Jackson
<b>Tur.</b>	Berniya Walker	Lakyla Williams	Alaja Monson	Alexas Rivers	Tamika Lewis	Amber Oliver
<b>WT</b>	Marquita Williams	Javen Wimberly	Ki'Ontavis Goodson	Kaitlin Mitchell	Keonta Brown	Tatyana Jones
<b>ESP</b>	Kes'iauna Williams					