



DAVID CARPENTER, SUPERINTENDENT

**BOARD MEMBERS**

DR. CHARLES M. (TOBY) HILL, VICE CHAIRMAN  
SKIP DAWKINS  
DR. MARIANNE MELNICK

TOM WALMER, CHAIRMAN

W. G. CLEMENTS  
HELEN HUGHES  
FRED WILSON

**NEWS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: FEBRUARY 25, 2010**

(Release #2010 - 89)

Contact: Beth McLaughlin, Director of Community & School Affairs, (478) 988-6390 ext. 0, [Beth.McLaughlin@hcbe.net](mailto:Beth.McLaughlin@hcbe.net)

**About 2,400 Teens to attend Health Forum**

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Houston County eighth-graders will attend a teen health forum on **Tuesday, March 9, 2010**. The program begins at **9:40 a.m. and lasts until 1:45 p.m.** in Perry at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter Miller-Murphy-Howard building. Students will attend presentations that emphasize the consequences of decisions and the impact of such decisions on the rest of their lives.

Approximately 2,400 teenagers are expected to attend from Houston and Crawford County public and private middle schools. The event is sponsored through a community partnership led by Houston Healthcare. Funding and support are provided by the: American Cancer Society, Balvaunuca Club, Community Health Works, Houston County Board of Education, Houston Healthcare, Magnolia Coastlands AHEC, Mercer University and Peachbelt Medical Society. Funding and in-kind support will cover the speakers, facility rental and transportation.

Mary Therese Tebbe will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Medical doctors, other health care providers and educators will present the program. Presenters, program topics and scheduled times follow.

9:40 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Dr. Harold Katner: <i>Making Smart Decisions - Effects of sexually transmitted diseases</i>
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Karen Stokes: <i>Gang Facts/Prevention</i>
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Raymond Scott: <i>Drugs and Their Consequences</i>
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Jason Respert: <i>Coping and Peer Pressure</i>
12:35 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Future Now: <i>Your Choices - messages to Teens in Music/Skits</i>

The Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter is located at 401 Larry Walker Parkway in Perry. For more information, please contact Dave Crockett, Coordinator of Health, Music and P.E. at (478) 988-6200, ext. 10908, or [David.Crockett@hcbe.net](mailto:David.Crockett@hcbe.net).

# # #