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# HCBOE HEADLINES

An award-winning monthly communiqué of the Houston County School System

## PHS FFA 1ST IN NATION



Perry High's Floriculture team won first in the nation in the National FFA Floriculture

Career Development Event. Perry High was one of 45 teams that competed. Congratulations to team members Nick Wood, Weslie Williford, Thomas Burnham, Morgan Watt and Jonathan Hatcher, and FFA Adviser Argene Claxton.

## STATE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



Houston County High junior Melissa Lehman has been selected to serve on the State Superintendent of Schools' Student Advisory Council. She is one of 50 students selected from across the state to serve on the Council.

## PHS TEACHER WINS AWARD



Perry High teacher Sherry Johnson was named Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Southern Business Education Association. Johnson received the award at the 2010 SBEA Conference held in North Charleston, S.C. in October. SBEA is comprised of 12 states.

Congratulations Ms. Johnson!

## SEEKING CAFETERIA SUBS

### FCCLA AWARDS



Bonaire Middle, Perry Middle, Houston County High, Northside High and Houston County Career Academy

students entered a variety of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America competitions at the 2010 Georgia National Fair. Students won numerous awards!

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



I want to share information about a new Georgia law, House Bill 1209.

HB1209 amends Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to K-12 education, "so as to provide that a local school system may enter into a contract with the State Board of Education for increased flexibility in exchange for increased accountability; provide that a local school system can opt for the status quo; provide for the development of a three-year

strategic plan; change certain provisions relating to waivers to improve student performance; provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes."

By June 30, 2013, school systems must enter into a five-year contract with the State Board of Education, choosing either Status Quo, Charter System or Investing in Educational Excellence (IE<sup>2</sup>). We are beginning to evaluate the best fit to move our schools and students forward. I

am excited about this opportunity to establish a growth model based on improvement over time - tailored by school - in all subject areas. This provides us the flexibility to increase creativity and student achievement growth.

There is a lot of work to be done before making a change. In the future, we may approach the work a bit differently, but regardless of which option is implemented, our mission remains the same: to produce high-achieving students.

### STATE TEACHER ADVISORY COUNCIL



Perry Middle Language Arts Teacher Kylie Ray has been selected to serve on the State Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Council. Earlier this year she was also honored as the Georgia Council of Teachers of English 2010 Middle Grades of the Year.

### DR. AMY FOUSE ELECTED TO GATESOL BOARD



Dr. Amy Fouse, coordinator of language arts for grades 6-12 for the Houston County School System, was elected to the Georgia Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Executive Board. Dr. Fouse will serve a two-year term as a Member-at-Large.

### HCBOE HONORS YEARS OF SERVICE



The Board of Education recognized employees who have served 30, 35 or 40 years in the Houston County School System at the October Board meeting. A reception was held in their honor prior to the meeting. Huntington Middle teacher Robert Beers is pictured with Superintendent Robin Hines and Assistant Superintendent

for Human Resources Tim Helms.

### VHS CAMPUS DEDICATION



A campus dedication was held for Veterans High in October. About 125 people attended the event which included

a program, refreshments and tours of the facility.

### WRHS DRESS DRIVE



### BUS POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



Nicholas Moulder - 1<sup>st</sup> place, Division III



Imani Floyd - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Division IV

Mossy Creek Middle seventh-grader Nicholas Moulder and Tucker Elementary fourth-grader Imani Floyd were state winners of the Georgia School Bus Safety Poster Contest. Nicholas won first place for grades 6-8 and Imani Floyd won second place for special education. Nicholas went on to win third place at the national competition for grades 6-8.



### FLU VACCINE SCHEDULE

### PHS WINS REGION ONE-ACT



Perry High won first place at Region 3A One-Act competition with its performance of *Gallows End*, an original play written by Joe Sendek. The production also won Best Set, Best Ensemble and Best Costumes.

### BMS STUDENT HONORED AT NATIONAL FFA FAIR



Bonaire Middle student Camden Wing competed in the National FFA Agriscience Fair held in October in Indiana. Camden was awarded a silver pin in honor of her project titled "Fly Ash Spill." Camden's success at the state level qualified her to compete at the national competition.