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### **91.6% of Houston County Schools Make AYP Graduation Rate Increases to 82.6%**

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Georgia Department of Education released amended Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports for 2010 on Oct. 15, 2010. The amended reports include summer retest scores, which resulted in Warner Robins High School making AYP. Overall, **33 of Houston County's 36 schools (91.6 percent) evaluated met AYP standards.** In addition, Houston County's graduation rate increased to 82.6 percent, an improvement over last year's 81 percent.

"After Georgia High School Graduation Test scores from the summer were factored into the AYP formula, we are excited that Warner Robins High School met standards and made AYP," commented Superintendent Dr. Robin Hines. "This makes the fifth consecutive year that Warner Robins High made AYP. In addition, I am extremely pleased about our graduation rate which increased this year. There is much work yet to be done, but I am confident that our teachers and administrators are equal to the task."

AYP reports are required by the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB). AYP measures if schools meet state academic standards and other requirements. The Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) and Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSGT) results are used to determine academic performance for AYP status.

For AYP purposes, schools are judged on meeting criteria in three areas: test participation, academic performance and another statistic called a "second indicator." Academic goals continue to rise every few years toward a goal of 100 percent proficiency for all students by 2014.

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