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HCBOE HEADLINES

A monthly communiqué of the Houston County School System for parents and the community

HCBOE 1ST IN NATION TECH-SAVVY SCHOOL BOARD

The Houston County Board of Education has been named a national top 10 digital school board, **winning 1st place in**

the large systems category. The Center for Digital Education and National School Boards Association chose the country's most digitally-

advanced school boards based on their annual Digital School Boards Survey. This is the school system's fourth consecutive win.

HCBOE SCHOOL BOARD OF DISTINCTION

The Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) recognized the Houston County Board of Education as a **2007 School Board of Distinction.** This is the school board's third year of distinction.

"I am proud that our board is recognized as a School Board of Distinction," commented Pamela Greenway, board chairman. "Our board and school system constantly seek to reach higher levels of excellence. This honor is one indicator that we are achieving our goal to continuously improve."



PHS WINS NATIONAL FFA AWARDS

Perry High School's Future Farmers of America **placed first in the nation in Nursery Landscaping.**

Under the supervision of Dr. Argene Claxton, the four-member team won by a margin of 110 points over the second place team. Team members also received

individual awards. Tyson Strickland won first in the nation, Tabitha Williford placed third, and Jordan Wood received sixth place. Ashton Jones was honored at the gold level, placing in the top ten percent in the nation.



WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL ISSUE

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



I would like to welcome everyone to the first issue of our school system's e-newsletter. I hope that you will enjoy reading about the events, awards and activities of the

Houston County School System. Look for the newsletter in your e-mail inbox every month to keep up with the happenings in our system. This is another way to communicate with our key stakeholders. If you have

suggestions to improve the e-newsletter, please e-mail [Beth McLaughlin](mailto:Beth.McLaughlin@hcb.ebnet.edu), Director of Community & School Affairs.

*David Carpenter
Superintendent*

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 14 *TITLE I* DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS

Fourteen Title I schools in Houston County have been recognized by the Georgia Department of Education as **2007-2008 Title I Distinguished Schools**. Distinguished schools serve as models for schools with similar demographics that have been identified for improvement.

“Every year, the number of Houston County schools awarded the Title 1 Distinguished School honor increases,” said Superintendent David Carpenter. “We are certain this will continue year after year, as schools throughout Houston County produce high-achieving students. Congratulations to the teachers, staff, and students at these schools who are focused on high quality education.”

School Name	Yrs of AYP
Lindsey Elementary	8
Perry Primary	8
Pearl Stephen Elementary	6
Tucker Elementary	6
Westside Elementary	6
Centerville Elementary	5
Linwood Elementary	5
Miller Elementary	5
Morningside Elementary	5
Parkwood Elementary	5
Russell Elementary	5
Shirley Hills Elementary	5
Huntington Middle	4
Warner Robins Middle	4



SCHOOLS DEDICATE CAMPUSES

*LAKE JOY ES, HILLTOP ES &
MOSSY CREEK MS CELEBRATE*

The Houston County Board of Education proudly opened three new schools in August. Campus dedications for Lake Joy Elementary and Hilltop Elementary were held in October, and Mossy Creek Middle celebrated early November.

PHS RECEIVES GOVERNOR’S CUP



Governor Sonny Perdue and State Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox travelled to Perry High School on Monday, September 17, 2007, to surprise the school with an award. Perry High received the **2007 Governor’s Cup** and \$2,000 for the highest improvement in SAT scores in the Class 3A Division. Only five schools across the state received this honor.

BOARD APPROVES 2008-09 CALENDAR

The Board of Education has approved the 2008-2009 school calendar. The new calendar is posted on the HCBOE Website.



FMMS CHORUS IN NEW YORK CITY

Feagin Mill Middle School Chorus members performed in New York City’s Tribeca Performing Arts Center on October 28.

The FMMS chorus joined choral groups from across the nation in a musical salute to 9/11. Participants also performed the National Anthem at the World Trade Center Site.



**THE HOUSTON COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WISHES YOU A
BOUNTIFUL AND HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**

HCBOE WINS 5 GOLD PR AWARDS

The Georgia School Public Relations (GSPRA) Association honored the HCBOE with five state awards. The following entries won a GSPRA Gold award: Prom Public Service Announcement (PSA); Logo and Logo Style Guide; Houston County Teacher Hall of Fame; Public Relations 101 for Transportation; and system recruiting CD.

The prom PSA, which scored a perfect 100, included a commercial created by Warner Robins High drama students. The logo, which also earned a 100, was created pro bono by MarSan Graphics.

The judges praised Houston’s entries as some of the most professional they had ever seen.