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MCS D School Calendar Amended

(Columbus, GA)-The Board of Education amends the traditional school year calendar for personnel at a called Board meeting on Monday, July 27. No changes were made to the school year calendar for students. The State Board of Education currently has a rule that defines the number of days that employees work as a “minimum of 190 days”.

“We anticipate the State Board of Education will revise that rule in a called meeting on Tuesday, July 28,” said the Superintendent, Dr. Susan Andrews. “The Muscofee County Board of Education amended the calendar to place three in-service days in a week with no other planned activities in the event that:

- (a) The State Board amends the rule defining the school year, and
- (b) The Muscofee County Board determines to furlough employees as the Governor has requested.”

The Board revised three in-service days, October 23, 2009, February 11, 2010 and March 15, 2010 to December 21, 22 and 23, 2009. These days *could* be used as off days if employees are required to take an unpaid leave.

By placing the in-service days in a week, with no other planned activities, if the Board must furlough employees, this action will avoid having to record unnecessary time sheets for all employees, including teachers and other employees who are currently exempt workers under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

MCS D areas of direct impact due to budget cuts:

- Quality Based Education (QBE), transportation, equalization, and nurses \$5,089,467.00

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- Reductions in salaries for three days +\$2,182,761.00
- Total Reduction \$7,272,228.00

For more information, access the State Board of Education *live* meeting at www.gadoe.org on Tuesday, July 28, or e-mail communications@mcsdga.net .

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