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Public Forum Notice on the 2010-2011 Budget

(Columbus, GA)-The Muscofee County School District invites you to attend (2) public forums to discuss and evaluate proposed budget cuts for the 2010-2011 school year. The Superintendent and Board of Education need the valuable input of all stakeholders to help make the best decision for our students and the school district.

“We find ourselves in an economic situation unprecedented since the Great Depression and it is actually being called the Great Recession by economists,” said Superintendent Susan Andrews.

The public forums will be held at **6:00 p.m.** on the following dates at the sites below:

- 1) **Tuesday, May 4, 2010**- Northside High School, 2002 American Way.
- 2) **Wednesday, May 5, 2010**-Carver High School, 3100 Eighth Street.

“We anticipate an \$18 million dollar deficit for the upcoming school year. The cabinet and I have put costs to the suggestions received from across the district, selected a list of items to take to the Board as our recommended list of personnel, programs, and services to cut that will equal approximately \$18 million dollars,” added Andrews.

The *proposed list* of recommended budget cuts can be accessed at www.mcsdga.net under the Budget Information Update link in a letter to employees from the Superintendent. The Board of Education **has not voted** on the proposed list and the list posted may not be the final list. The public is encouraged to review the proposed list of budget cuts, attend the public forums, share ideas, and suggestions to help the district get to a final list that will balance the budget with a continued focus on the core mission of providing a high-quality education for all students.

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