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NEWS RELEASE

MCSD Announces House Bill 251 Deadline for Requests

(Columbus, GA)- House Bill 251 allows parents to choose a school for their child in the district, other than the school of assignment, from a list of schools with available space. Under the law, no transportation or appeals are allowed. Students are selected using a lottery. A list of the identified schools, with space available, can be accessed at www.mcsdga.net.

Parents, who are interested in applying, must complete and submit a **House Bill 251 Request Form**. The request form is available at any school in the Muscofee County School District, or at the Central Registration Office, located at 2960 Macon Road in the Public Education Center. House Bill 251 request forms will be accepted **Monday, June 28 – Wednesday, July 14, by 5:00 p.m.** at the Central Registration office.

Parents of students who are **already enrolled** in the district should report to their school of assignment for verification and contact the assigned school for information on verification dates and times. Parents and guardians who have a child that **is not** currently enrolled in the Muscofee County School District should report to the Central Registration office, to register their child if he or she is a special needs student, needs English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) services, or if the parent or legal guardian lives with someone and not in his or her own residence.

To determine the school assignment, parents can also access MapNetWeb at www.mcsdga.net. MapNetWEB will help parents identify the schools (elementary, middle, and high) specified for students based on the legal home address. Instead of

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looking at maps, parents can type in their home address to see the school assignment.

In addition, any parent or guardian who has changed their physical address since May 26, 2010, or plan to move prior to July 30, 2010, should report to Central Registration office to update the change of address.

Parents and guardians must bring proof of their address, which includes:

- A Current Utility Bill
- And Either a Lease, Sales Contract, or Mortgage Statement

If the parent or legal guardian is living with someone, both parties:

- Must Complete a Resident Affidavit at the Central Registration Office
- Must Provide Picture Identification
- Must Be Present to Sign and Certify the Affidavit

If a child receives special transportation, the new address must be on file in order to provide transportation on the first day of school, which is August 9, 2010. Classes for Year-Round schools (Georgetown Elementary and Rigdon Road Elementary) begin Thursday, July 15, 2010. The Central Registration office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Parents who need more information can call the Central Registration Office, (706)748-2222. Media organizations should contact the Department of Communications, (706) 748-2034 or e-mail communications@mcsdga.net .

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