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AYP Preliminary Results Show Areas of Strengths and Needs Improvement ***MCSD Improves Graduation Rate***

(Columbus, GA)-The 2010 preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report for Muscofee County School District shows 21 out of 35 elementary schools, seven (7) out of twelve (12) middle schools, and four (4) out of nine (9) high schools made AYP in 2010. Schools must pass in five (5) categories to make AYP:

1. **Participation Reading**
2. **Participation Math**
3. **Performance Reading**
4. **Performance Math**
5. **Second Indicator** – Either “Attendance” (elementary and middle schools) or “Graduation Rate” (high schools).

100% of the schools in the system passed both of the participation (reading and math) portions of AYP with 95% or more students taking the CRCT or graduation test.

100% of elementary and middle schools passed the Second Indicator (attendance) portion with none having more than 15% of students absent more than fifteen (15) days.

Six (6) high schools passed the Second Indicator, which is *Graduation Rate*. The Muscofee County School District has increased the graduation rate from 79.8% last year to 81.6% in 2010, which also exceeds the State graduation rate of 80%.

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This report is the preliminary determination of AYP. The final determination will be released in September after the CRCT retest, graduation retest, and summer graduates are added to the data.

“We anticipate that additional schools will make AYP when all data has been included,” said Superintendent, Dr. Susan Andrews.

Number of schools making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

	Number of Schools	2010 Schools Making AYP
Elementary	35	21
Middle	12	7
High	9	4
Total	56	32

Elementary Schools Making AYP

Allen	Clubview	Eagle Ridge	Lonnie Jackson	Reese Road
Benning Hills	Davis	Edgewood	Mathews	Rigdon Road
Blanchard	Double Churches	Hannan	Midland Academy	South Columbus
Britt David	Downtown	Johnson	North Columbus	St. Mary’s
				Waddell

Middle Schools Making AYP

Arnold
 Baker
 East Columbus
 Eddy
 Midland
 Richards
 Veterans Memorial

High Schools Making AYP

Columbus High
 Early College
 Northside
 Hardaway

“The graduation rate shows the district is making progress,” said Title I Director Pam McCoy. “However, it is evident that continuous improvement is needed to increase performance across the grade spans.”

Based on preliminary AYP results, there are five (5) high schools, four (4) middle schools, and three (3) elementary schools in Needs Improvement (NI) status for two (2) consecutive years.

Under the No Child Left Behind law, Title I schools, Carver High, Jordan High, Spencer High, Kendrick High, Baker Middle, and Eddy Middle have sent letters to parents offering Choice Transfers with transportation. Letters will be sent out to Marshall Middle and Fox Elementary this week, notifying parents of their Choice options.

Once the state approved list for Supplemental Educational Services (SES) is available, parents at Brewer and Forrest Road Elementary will be notified. SES includes tutoring for students, which is provided by state approved providers.

The district is focusing on areas where students are not meeting and exceeding by addressing key issues with attendance, instructional methods, specifically collaborating, planning, and applying lessons based on standards, and thorough assessment and review of all students. In addition teachers are receiving additional coaching through professional learning to help improve student achievement.

For more information and to view the state AYP report, access the Georgia Department of Education website, <http://public.doe.k12.ga.us> .

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