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NEWS RELEASE

Preliminary AYP Results Reveal Steady Increase in the Graduation Rate

(Columbus, GA)-The preliminary results for the Muscogee County School District (MCSD) 2011 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report reveals a steady increase in the number of students who graduate. The graduation rate increased from 82.2% last year to 83.6% in 2011. The preliminary AYP report for MCSD shows thirteen (13) out of thirty-four (34) elementary schools, (1) out of twelve (12) middle schools, and four (4) out of nine (9) high schools made AYP in 2011. 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).

All schools in the system passed reading and math participation sections of AYP with 95% or more students taking the CRCT, the CRCT-M, Georgia Alternate Assessment, Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State for English Language Learners (ACCESS for ELLs), or the graduation test.

All elementary and middle schools except one passed the Second Indicator portion. The criterion is that the schools have no more than 15% of students absent more than 15 days. Five (5) high schools passed the Second Indicator which is *Graduation Rate*.

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

“The scores indicate the need to combine the efforts of schools, the district and the community,” said Title I Director, Pamela McCoy. “This is a task that has to be addressed by all stakeholders. Across the district, and within the schools, the focus will be placed on the needs of individual students and professional learning will be provided to support teachers, as they work to address those specific needs.”

Number of schools making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

	Number of Schools	2011 Schools Making AYP
Elementary	34	13
Middle	12	1
High	9	4
Total	55	18

There are seven (7) schools, which did not make AYP in the preliminary results, which are on appeal. In addition, there are several schools that did not make the bar by fewer than ten (10) students. The district anticipates that when the retests scores are added that those schools will make AYP in the final determination.

“We are pleased to see a steady increase in the graduation rate,” said Superintendent Susan Andrews. “However, we must balance the time spent on all subject areas that need significant improvement to increase student achievement across the district. That means effective teaching of the standards must take place in all classrooms, at all levels, so that our children not only meet, but exceed standards.”

The district will continue to focus on areas where students are not meeting and exceeding by addressing key issues with attendance and instructional methods through continuous collaboration, standards based lesson planning, and effective teaching and learning strategies.

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

Schools that Made AYP:

Elementary Schools (13)

Allen
Blanchard
Britt David
Clubview
Dimon
Double Churches
Eagle Ridge
Edgewood
Georgetown
Johnson
Mathews
River Road
Waddell

Middle Schools (1)

Blackmon Road

High Schools (4)

Columbus
Northside
Early College Academy
Hardaway

School Not Making AYP

Elementary Schools (21)

Brewer
Cusseta Road
Davis
Dawson
Downtown
Forrest
Fox
Gentian
Hannan
Key
Lonnie Jackson

Martin Luther King (MLK)
Midland Academy
Muscogee
North Columbus
Reese Road
Rigdon Road
South Columbus
St. Marys
Wesley Heights
Wynnton

Middle Schools (11)

Arnold
Baker
Double Churches Middle
East Columbus
Eddy
Fort
Marshall
Midland Middle
Richards
Rothschild
Veterans Memorial

High School (5)

Carver
Jordan
Kendrick
Shaw
Spencer

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Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB), the Muscogee County School District is required to offer the following services to schools that are in Needs Improvement.

Needs Improvement (Elementary)

Fox –Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

Brewer Elementary- SES and Choice (1st semester only)

Cusseta Road-SES

Dawson –SES

MLK-SES

Muscogee-SES

Needs Improvement (Middle)

Baker-Choice and SES

Eddy-Choice and SES

Fort-SES

Double Churches Middle- Choice (Transportation Not Provided)

Needs Improvement (High)

Carver-Choice and SES

Jordan-Choice and SES

Kendrick-Choice and SES

Spencer –Choice and SES

Shaw-SES (Non-Title I School)

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