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Groundbreaking Ceremony

Fine and Performing Arts Academy

Saturday, February 27, 2016

at 1:00 P.M.

1700 Midtown Drive

Columbus, Georgia 31906



(Columbus, GA)-Educators, students, parents, Board of Education members, citizens and community leaders look forward to breaking ground for the historic, new Fine and Performing Arts school on Saturday, February 27, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at 1700 Midtown Drive. The 118,500 sq. ft., \$36,000,000 Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) facility will be built to accommodate 500 students. Construction of the new school is funded by the 2003, 2009 and 2015 SPLOST approved by Muscogee County voters.

“The groundbreaking illustrates the high priority, which the Board of Education and citizens of Muscogee County place on educating our students and the benefits and value of partnership,” said Dr. David F. Lewis, Superintendent of Education.”

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Students in grades 6-12 will be eligible for enrollment. A selection process may be developed and recommended to the Board of Education based on the number of students who express interest.

Enrollment will be open to middle school students district-wide in grades 6-8. Students in grades 9-12 will be approved on a merit-based program and accepted by an audition or a portfolio process based on the level of performance and number of seats available in the area of study.

Programs for students include band, chorus, guitar, orchestra, dance, piano, film, creative writing, theatre, musical theatre, and music business. Special features of the three-story state-of-the-art facility include a mini-theatre, black box theatre, recital hall, outdoor studio and a 650 seat main theatre with a balcony. The school is expected to be completed by July 31, 2017.

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