

## **September, 2005, Board Briefing**

*Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the September 15, 2005, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.*

### **Report on School Damage and Recovery from Hurricane Katrina**

Superintendent Sloan reported the damage sustained by schools in the System and the ongoing recovery efforts from Hurricane Katrina. The October 3 goal for reopening schools was reiterated. A summary of pre-hurricane preparations and aftermath activities was given.

### **Revised School Calendar Proposed**

A draft revision to the 2005-2006 school calendar to make up some of the days lost following Hurricane Katrina was discussed. Superintendent Sloan was authorized to get input from a committee of parents, educators, and administrators and from the St. Tammany Federation of Teachers and School Employees before circulating the revised calendar. The calendar also is subject to revision by the State Department of Education and the Louisiana Legislature.

### **State of Emergency Declared**

A resolution was passed declaring that the St. Tammany Parish Public School System is in a state of emergency, adversely affected in its ability to carry out its duties and obligations, as a result of the extreme public emergency created by Hurricane Katrina.

### **2005-2006 Proposed School Board Budgets Adopted**

The Superintendent's proposed 2005-2006 General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds, and Debt Service Funds budgets were adopted. The General Fund budget adopted was a version revised immediately before Hurricane Katrina that included property millage adjustment. Although the budget does not reflect current conditions, constitutional requirements mandate that every School Board adopt a budget by September 15, 2005. Revisions to the approved budget will be required during the course of the year to allow for the extreme revenue and expenditure fluctuations resulting from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.