

**St. Tammany Parish Public School System  
Board Briefing - April, 2004**

*Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the April 8, 2004, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.*

**First Superintendent's Award for Character and Citizenship Presented**

Finalists and the winner of the first annual Superintendent's Award for Outstanding Character and Citizenship were recognized before the Board. Two finalists, Abney Elementary School and Honey Island Elementary School student Victoria Johnson, and winner Lake Harbor Middle School O.W.L.E.T.S. mentors were honored. O.W.L.E.T.S. stands for Opportunities with Learning Experienced Together Successfully. In addition to plaques commemorating their selection, as winner of the award, the O.W.L.E.T.S. received a \$1000 donation from Hibernia Bank to be used at the school. The award will be given annually to encourage and recognize extraordinary acts of character, citizenship, and service by individuals, groups, and/or schools within the School System.

**Technology Supervisor Honored**

Dr. John Swang, System Technology Supervisor, was honored with the 2003 E-Ward Technology Educator of the Year Award sponsored by the Louisiana Technology Council and New Orleans, Inc. Brenda Reine of the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation and Stuart McAvoy of the Northshore Technology Council of the St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce presented the award. The award is presented annually to an educator who has made a significant contribution to the field of technology.

**School Nurses Day Proclaimed**

By unanimous vote, the Board passed a resolution supporting May 12, 2004, as a national day of recognition for school nurses. The day is designed to honor school nurses for their care and concern for students and their expertise and professionalism.

**Schools Receive Louisiana Accountability Awards**

Eleven schools in the System received Louisiana Accountability rewards totaling more than \$200,000 for exceeding growth targets and showing progress in accountability subgroups. Recognized were:

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| Alton Elementary School            | \$ 3,583.40 |
| Bayou Woods Elementary School      | 17,676.65   |
| Folsom Junior High School          | 4,479.25    |
| Magnolia Trace Elementary School   | 15,098.35   |
| Mandeville High School             | 34,217.10   |
| Northshore High School             | 33,190.15   |
| Pearl River High School            | 21,077.54   |
| William Pitcher Junior High School | 7,472.70    |
| Pontchartrain Elementary School    | 17,742.20   |
| Riverside Elementary School        | 12,651.15   |
| Slidell High School                | 41,121.70   |

### **Lee Road Junior High School Principal Appointed**

Anna Bowie, currently Principal at Indiana Elementary School in Matteson, Illinois, was appointed Principal at Lee Road Junior High School for the 2004-2005 school year. Mrs. Bowie has administration and teaching experience in both Illinois and New Orleans.

### **William Pitcher Junior High School Principal Chosen**

Currently an assistant principal at Fontainebleau Junior High School, Jay Gaines was appointed Principal at William Pitcher Junior High School for the 2004-2005 school year. Current Principal Nancy Woods is retiring at the end of this school year.

### **Little Oak Middle School Assistant Principal Chosen**

Janice Brooks, currently serving as Counselor at Little Oak Middle School, was appointed Assistant Principal at the school.

### **Northshore High School Assistant Principal Selected**

Brennan McCurley, currently an assistant principal at Covington High School, was appointed an assistant principal at Northshore High School. His appointment follows the appointment of a former Northshore High School assistant principal, Dr. Tim Schneider, as Principal of Fontainebleau Junior High School.

### **Superintendent's Reorganization Revisions Approved**

Revisions to the Superintendent's plan for Central Office reorganization were approved.

### **Changes to Criteria for School Assistant Principal Assignment Accepted**

The enrollment requirements for assigning assistant principals to schools were altered to allow increased administrative assistance at qualifying schools.

**2003-2004 Superintendent's Revised Budget Approved**

The Superintendent's Revised Budget for 2003-2004 was approved to reflect increased sales tax growth and ad valorem tax collection projections. Also included were an increase of 1.7% in projected expenditures and the refinancing of 1996 and 1997 general obligation bonds.

**Clearwood Junior High School Bus Canopy Approved**

The Clearwood Junior High School bus canopy was approved as substantially complete, subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.

**Bid for Roofing Project at Clearwood Junior High School Accepted**

The low bid in the amount of \$340,590 was accepted for roof removal and replacement at Clearwood Junior High School. Seyforth Roofing submitted the bid. The funding source is the System roofing fund.

**Bid for Roofing Project at Bonne Ecole Elementary School Accepted**

The low bid meeting plans and specifications for roof removal and replacement at Bonne Ecole Elementary School was accepted. Rowell Roofing submitted the low bid in the amount of \$270,000. The System roofing fund is the source of funds.

**Intergovernmental Agreement for Extension of Sewer Services to Northshore High School Approved**

An intergovernmental agency agreement between the School Board and the City of Slidell for extending sewer services to Northshore High School was accepted.