

September 2008 Board Briefing

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the September 11, 2008, School Board Meeting, and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

System Recognized for Energy Management

The School System has earned awards from national and state agencies for reducing energy usage. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's distinguished ENERGY STAR Label went to the Instructional Technology Center for School System's efforts to protect the environment through superior energy performance. The School System also was awarded the Energy Star-Leader Award by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Environmental Stewardship Award by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, and the Energy Milestone Award from the SEE (Schools for Energy Efficiency) program. During the 2007-2008 school year, the System reduced energy usage by 15.6 percent, leading to an energy cost avoidance of \$1,596,590.

Employees with Perfect Attendance Recognized

Special recognition was given to 243 School Board employees who had perfect job attendance during the past school year. The recognition is given every year to non-management personnel who demonstrate this outstanding work record and commitment.

United Way Campaign Started

A resolution announcing and supporting the 2008 United Way Campaign was passed.

2008-2009 Proposed School Board Budgets Adopted

The Superintendent's proposed 2008-2009 General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds, and Debt Service Funds budgets were adopted.

Recommendation to Levy Millage for the 2008 Tax Roll Accepted

Approval was given to levy millage for the 2008 Tax Roll for the debt service only at the millage rate levied last year and approved by voters in March 2008. The remaining millages, which are subject to rollback, will be levied at a later meeting once the Assessor completes the property reassessment.

Parishwide Tax

Bond and Interest Tax (Debt Service) District 12

Millage

21.90 Mills

Resolution to Enter Community Development Block Grant Cooperative Endeavor Approved

A resolution was passed allowing the School System to enter into the required Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the L.A. Division of Administration, Office of Community Development Disaster Recovery Unit to secure Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery funds for Hurricane Katrina damages; to utilize the state's administrative consultant Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC to administer the program on behalf of the school board; and to authorize the Board President or Superintendent to sign documents required to submit the application and to administer the program.