



St. Tammany Parish School Board, October 2009

# BOARD BRIEFING

*Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the October 8, 2009, Board meeting, and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.*

## **2009-2010 Teachers of the Year Recognized**

The following teachers were recognized as the 2009-2010 St. Tammany Parish Public School System Teachers of the Year for their outstanding and innovative contributions to education and the community.

Denean Trigs-Keys  
Mandeville Elementary School  
Elementary Division

Melinda Boteler  
Slidell Jr. High School  
Middle/Jr. High Division

Laura Decker  
Mandeville High School  
High School Division

## **2009-2010 Principals of the Year Recognized**

The following 2009-2010 Principals of the Year for St. Tammany Parish Public Schools were recognized for their outstanding leadership and extraordinary contributions to student achievement and school improvement.

Rose Smith  
Brock Elementary School  
Elementary Division

Dr. Timothy Schneider  
Fontainebleau Jr. High School  
Middle/Junior High Division

Bruce Bundy  
Mandeville High School  
High School Division

### **Winner of Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Recognized**

Monteleone Jr. High School TRT, Kathryn McInnis was recognized for receiving the 2009-10 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science given by the National Science Foundation. The award is one of the highest national honors bestowed on educators. Presidential awardees are selected on the basis of teaching performance, experience, education, and professional activities.

### **Cooks for Kids Video Wins Clarion Award**

A National Food Service Management Institute (USDA) educational television segment that showcases healthy cooking for children filmed at Cypress Cove Elementary School last year has won a Clarion Award from the Association for Women in Communications. The Cypress Cove segment included video shots of food preparation, students in lunch lines and the dining room, and interviews with students, Principal Lisa Dial, Food Service Manager Robin Blakeman, and Food Service Supervisor Sylvia Dunn. Additional video was shot of a nutrition education class, physical education class, and general campus views at Cypress Cove Elementary. The Clarion Award honors excellence across all communication disciplines, with judging based on substance, style, originality and achievement of objective.

### **National School Lunch Week Proclaimed**

The week of October 12-16, 2009, was proclaimed National School Lunch Week in St. Tammany Parish Public Schools, during which students will enjoy special menus and nutrition education activities planned by Student Nutrition Advisory Councils and School Food Service staff. "All-Star School Lunch" is the theme for the week.

### **Red Ribbon Week Proclaimed**

The week of October 26-30, 2009 was proclaimed Red Ribbon Week in all public schools in the Parish. AMPLIFY Resources was recognized for its important role in increasing community awareness of the consequences of alcohol and illegal drug use.

### **Employee Electronic Communication with Students Policy Accepted**

The recommendation to approve the Employee Electronic Communication with Students policy was accepted. The new policy sets up procedures by which employees keep track of communications with students via electronic means.

### **2009 Strategic Plan Approved**

Final approval was given to the School System Strategic Plan, "A Strategy for Building Capacity". The plan is the result of planning and input from parents, students, members of the business community, and members of community services groups. The strategies in this plan are expected to guide the School System for the next five years.

### **Bid for Renovations at Pitcher Jr. High Accepted**

The low bid meeting plans and specifications for renovations at Pitcher Junior High School, submitted by Woodrow Wilson Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$8,268,000, was accepted.

**Bid for Administration and Renovations at Abney Elementary Accepted**

The low base bid and alternate No. 1 for administration and renovations at Abney Elementary School, submitted by Quadrants, Inc. in the amount of \$3,547,000, was accepted.

**Report on Washington D. C. Trip Given**

Deputy Superintendent Trey Folsie gave a report on his recent trip to Washington D.C. with a local delegation of leaders to ask elected officials and FEMA representatives for blanket loan forgiveness for all Hurricane Katrina/Rita special community disaster loans. Mr. Folsie reported that the delegation was encouraged by the meetings they attended with Senators Mary Landrieu and David Vitter, Congressman Steve Scalise, and Mr. James Walker, Director of the Public Assistance Division of FEMA. A decision about the loan forgiveness is anticipated within the next six months.