

# October, 2006

*Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the October 12, 2006, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.*

## **2006-2007 Teachers of the Year Recognized**

The following teachers were recognized as 2006-2007 Teachers of the Year for the St. Tammany Parish Public School System for their outstanding and innovative contributions to education and the community.

Theresa Curtis

Third grade teacher at Abita Springs Elementary School  
Elementary School Division

Rebecca Dussouy Besch

Sixth grade teacher at Little Oak Middle School  
Middle/Junior High School Division

Hana Hess Jeansonne

Mathematics teacher at Covington High School  
High School Division

## **All Elementary Schools Earn USDA Gold Level Certification**

Every elementary school food service program in the School System was recognized on having earned United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Gold Level Certification for offering outstanding nutrition and nutrition education in school. In 2005, Cypress Cove Elementary School became the first school in the Nation to receive this national recognition as part of the USDA “The Healthier U. S. School Challenge” program. This year, the remaining elementary schools in the School System also earned the recognition. Of the 100,000+ eligible schools in the United States, only 89 have received the award, and 23 of the winners are St. Tammany Parish public schools.

## **School Food Service Program Recognized During National School Lunch Week**

The week of October 16, 2006, was proclaimed National School Lunch Week, during which students will enjoy special menus and nutrition education activities planned by Student Nutrition Advisory Councils and School Food Service staffs. “Vote for School Lunch” is the theme for the week.

## **School Bus Safety and Bus Owner/Operator and Aide Appreciation Week Proclaimed**

A resolution was passed recognizing St. Tammany Parish school buses owner/operators

and bus aides for the safe transportation of approximately 25,000 public and nonpublic students daily. The week of October 16, 2006, was designated as St. Tammany Parish School Bus Safety and School Bus Owner/Operator and School Bus Aide Appreciation Week.

### **Red Ribbon Week Proclaimed**

A resolution was passed proclaiming the week of October 23, 2006, Red Ribbon Week in all public schools in the parish and expressing gratitude for the contributions PRIDE has made to the community in increasing awareness of the consequences of alcohol and illegal drugs use.

### **Low Base Bid for Canopy Repair and Replacement Accepted**

The low base bid submitted by Lou-Mis Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$365,000 for the repair and replacement of canopies at seven schools was accepted. The canopy work is for Boyet Junior High, Little Oak Middle, Magnolia Trace Elementary, Pitcher Junior High, Northshore High, St. Tammany Junior High, and Woodlake Elementary Schools.

### **Change Order Item for Northshore High School Classroom Addition Approved**

A change order in the amount of \$48,933 was approved for additional excavation and structural fill needed to support the new eight-classroom addition at Northshore High School. The project is part of the April, 2004, bond authorization.