

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

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

New BESE Member Introduced

Newly elected Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) member Penny Dastugue was introduced. Mrs. Dastugue will represent BESE District 1, which includes St. Tammany Parish.

Principals of the Year Recognized

St. Tammany Parish Principals of the Year for 2003-2004 were recognized. Isabelle Moore, Mandeville Elementary School, was chosen Elementary Division Principal of the Year for the parish and the region. She will be considered for State Principal-of-the-Year honors during the State selection process in January.

Dr. Randy Morgan, Fontainebleau High School, was chosen High School Division Principal of the Year for St. Tammany Parish. Recipients of the award are chosen for their outstanding leadership and their contributions to education and the community.

New National Board Certified Teachers Congratulated

Nineteen teachers were congratulated for having achieved certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The purpose of the certification process is to establish high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do and to reward excellence in teaching. St. Tammany Parish, with 17 newly certified, had the largest number of nationally certified teachers in the State this year. Abita Springs Elementary School had the largest number of certification recipients within the School System. Recognized were new nationally certified teachers and recently certified teachers new to the System.

Lee Barrios, Mandeville Junior High School
Sharon Bennett, Abita Springs Elementary School
Shelly Bogran, Carolyn Park Middle School
Mary Borne, Mandeville High School
Cheryl Carstens, Abita Springs Elementary School
Judith Cole, Covington Pathways School
Linda Cook, Northshore High School
Nichole Dupre, Abita Springs Elementary School
Kimberly Fauntleroy, Abita Springs Elementary School
Clarice Gautreaux, Mandeville Elementary School
Virginia Loomis, Tchefuncte Middle School
Marie Oelking, Abita Springs Elementary School
Marguerite Petagna, Mandeville High School

Juliana Sistrunk, Pontchartrain Elementary School
Carrie Smith, Covington Pathways School
Clara Thornton, Pearl River High School
Janis Walker, Carolyn Park Middle School
Kristen Winget, Mandeville Elementary School
Terri Wortmann, Salmen High School

Nationally Certified School Psychologists Recognized

Three school psychologists earned national certification from the National Association of School Psychologists this year. Recognized were Ronald Bordelon, Harrison Curriculum Center; Maurice Mack, Harrison Curriculum Center; and Thomas Sealy, Slidell Pupil Appraisal Office. The certification process requires that the psychologists demonstrate professional proficiency in testing; consultation with parents, teachers, and students; and behavior management. They also must earn 60 hours of continuing education credits.

National Board Certified School Counselors Spotlited

School counselors who received national certification by the National Board for Certified Counselors this year received congratulations. School System counselors earning the certification this year are Susan Brocato, Tchefuncte Middle School; Karen Downey, Chahta-Ima Elementary School; and Allison Pierson, College Counselors Office. Receiving national certified school counselor credentials requires proficiency on the national counselor examination for licensure and certification, national certified counselor status, employment as a school counselor, a recommendation following 3000 hours of counseling internship, and 21 hours of accredited counseling classes.

Low Bid for Lyon Elementary School Addition Accepted

The low bid submitted by Brunt Construction in the amount of \$843,300 for a six-classroom addition with restrooms at Lyon Elementary School was accepted. The source of funding is the 1998 Bond Authorization.