

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

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at October 14, 2004, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

System Recognized for Outstanding Financial Reporting

The School System has earned the highest awards given for financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the American School Board Officials International (ASBO) for the 16th consecutive year. The awards, which are the highest given by both organizations and represent outstanding reporting of School Board finances to the public, were presented to Board President John Lamarque. Chief Accountant Brett Stoltz also received recognition for outstanding work in compiling the 2003-2004 School Board financial report.

2004-2005 Teachers of the Year Recognized

The following teachers were recognized as 2004-2005 Teachers of the Year for the St. Tammany Parish Public School System for their outstanding and innovative contributions to education and the community.

Kelli Bounds

First grade teacher at Florida Avenue Elementary School
Elementary School Division

Rena Oynes

Fifth grade teacher at Lake Harbor Middle School
Middle/Junior High School Division

Donna Johnson

Mathematics teacher at Northshore High School
High School Division

Rena Oynes also was congratulated on being chosen a Regional Teacher of the Year. She is a finalist for State Teacher of the Year honors.

PTA Contributions to School System Spotlited

St. Tammany District PTA was commended by Board resolution for the significant and relevant efforts PTA volunteers give to the schools and administration of the School System on behalf of all children in the System. Parent volunteers contributed almost 670,000 hours of service during the 2003-2004 school year. Conservative calculations measure these volunteer hours equivalent to more than \$3 million of recorded volunteer hours donated to schools during the school year.

School Food Service Program Recognized During National School Lunch Week

The week of October 25, 2004, 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. The theme for the week is "Reach Your Peak With School Lunch".

Red Ribbon Week Proclaimed

A resolution was passed proclaiming the week of October 18, 2004, Red Ribbon Week in all parish public schools and expressing gratitude for the contributions PRIDE has made to the community in increasing awareness of the consequences of alcohol and illegal drugs use.

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

A resolution was passed recognizing St. Tammany Parish school buses owners/operators and bus aides for the safe transportation of approximately 25,000 public and nonpublic students daily. The week of October 17, 2004, was designated as St. Tammany Parish School Bus Safety and School Bus Owner/Operator and School Bus Aide Appreciation Week.