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Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the July 11, 2002, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

State Representative Commends Assistant Superintendent Tanner

State Representative "Pete" Schneider, speaking on behalf of the State House of Representatives, presented a special citation congratulating and commending Assistant Superintendent Richard Tanner in honor of his retirement after 37 years of dedicated service as a teacher and administrator in the St. Tammany Parish Public School System. The commendation further acknowledged Mr. Tanner's "major contributions to the success of the School System."

Louisiana House of Representatives Congratulates High Achievement of School System

Representative Schneider brought accolades in the form of House concurrent Resolution No. 30 passed by the Louisiana House of Representatives congratulating St. Tammany Parish students, parents, teachers, and School Board representatives for their hard work and commitment to improvement as demonstrated by the school district's being ranked first among the state's 66 school districts in District Performance Scores. The resolution also acknowledged the "example of excellence that this school district has established for other districts in the state."

Substitute Employees for 2002-2003 Approved

Recommended substitute employees for the 2002-2003 school year were approved.

Assistant Principals Appointed

Assistant principals were appointed for Pine View and Tchefuncte Middle Schools.

- Mitchell Stubbs, most recently a teacher at Lake Harbor Middle School, was appointed assistant principal for Pine View Middle School.
- Rhonda Chambers, Fontainebleau Junior High School Resource Helping Teacher, was appointed assistant principal for Tchefuncte Middle School.

Pupil Progression Plan Accepted

The 2002-2003 Pupil Progression Plan for the School System was approved. The plan, which sets out Systemwide policies for grading, promotion, and retention, is reviewed annually and revised as needed. All school systems in the state are required to submit the plans to the State Department of Education.

Insurance Coverage and Premiums Approved

The proposal for School Board insurance submitted by John W. Dussouy & Co., Inc., was approved, with premiums amounting to \$1,205,079 for Property Primary & Excess, Liability, Crime, Boiler and Machinery coverage for 2002-2003.

**Authority to Advertise for Bids to Refinance
Sales Tax School Bonds Approved**

A resolution was passed authorizing the advertisement of bids to re-fund existing sales tax bonds scheduled to expire in five years. The School System is expected to save about \$200,000 in interest by refinancing the bonds at an interest rate anticipated to be lower than the current 5 3/4% rate.

**Low Bid for Special Systems Replacement
at Mandeville High School Accepted**

The low bid meeting plans and specifications for replacement of Special Systems (intercom, fire alarm, and intrusion systems) at Mandeville High School was accepted. Priority Systems, Inc., submitted the low bid of \$131,353. The April, 1996, Bond Authorization is the source of funding for the project.