

October, 2001

Teachers of the Year Recognized

Three teachers chosen 2001-2002 Teachers of the Year for St. Tammany Parish were recognized before the Board. Elizabeth Coco, a kindergarten teacher at Lyon Elementary School, is the Elementary Division winner. Emile (Chic) Danna is the Middle/Junior High Division winner. Mr. Danna is an griscience teacher from Lee Road Junior High School. Slidell High School social studies teacher Mary Bryan Bowers is the High School Division winner. School System Teachers of the Year are selected from individual school winners throughout the parish by a selection committee made up of educators, business leaders, and other members of the community.

Red Ribbon Week Proclaimed

A resolution was passed declaring October 22-29, 2001, to be Red Ribbon Week. The resolution also expressed gratitude to PRIDE (Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education) for its long-standing involvement in providing information to students about the life altering consequences associated with drugs and alcohol.

School Lunch Program Highlighted

In recognition of National School Lunch Week, a resolution was passed expressing gratitude to Student Nutrition Advisory Councils, the Director of School Food Service and her staff, and School Food Service managers and workers at each school for providing an excellent School Food Service program for the School System. October 8-12, 2001, had been named National School Lunch Week across the country.

Proclamation of Childnet/Child Search Awareness Month Supported

Governor Mike Foster's proclamation on behalf of the ChildNet and Child Search programs was supported by resolution of the Board. The Governor proclaimed the month of October, 2001, to be ChildNet/Child Search Awareness Month. The programs work to identify special needs infants and toddlers for whom early intervention services would be beneficial to their education.

School Bus Safety and School Bus Driver and Bus Aide Appreciation Week Proclaimed

Recognizing the excellent safety record the System has in transporting students to and from school by school bus, a resolution was passed proclaiming October 14-20, 2001, to be St. Tammany Parish School Bus Safety and School Bus Driver and School Bus Aide Appreciation Week.

Parent and Community Volunteers Commended

A resolution was passed to acknowledge and show appreciation to parents and community volunteers who donate their time and talents to the School System. The St. Tammany District PTA was commended for its efforts to encourage volunteer activities in the schools. The resolution noted the more than 304,000 recorded volunteer hours contributed to schools during the 2000-2001 school year.

Supervisor of Instructional Technology Appointed

Dr. John Swang was appointed Supervisor of Instructional Technology. Previously, Dr. Swang had served as an Instructional Technology Coordinator for the School System, following more than 25 years in teaching.

Bids for Parking Lot Paving at Bonne Ecole and Florida Avenue Elementary Schools Rejected

The low bid submitted by C & J Asphalt Paving, Inc., for parking lot paving and a bus loop at Bonne Ecole Elementary School and parking lot paving at Florida Avenue Elementary School was rejected. All bids for the projects were rejected, and the administration is to revise project specifications for the projects to be re-bid.

Low Bid for Asbestos Abatement at former C. J. Schoen Middle School Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Louisiana Service and Contracting Company, Inc., in the amount of \$38,320, was accepted for asbestos abatement at the former C. J. Schoen Middle School.

Addition to Folsom Elementary School Accepted

The six-classroom and rest room addition at Folsom Elementary School was accepted as substantially complete subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Monteleone.

Addition to Whispering Forest Elementary School Accepted

The six-classroom addition to Whispering Forest Elementary School was accepted as substantially complete subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Monteleone.

Roof Replacement for Meeting Center of the Instructional Technology Center Accepted

Replacement of the Meeting Center roof at the Instructional Technology Center was approved as substantially complete subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Monteleone.

Addition to Carolyn Park Middle School Accepted

The ten-classroom and rest room addition and paved parking project at Carolyn Park Middle School was accepted as substantially complete subject to recommendations of the engineer, completion of the punch list, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Monteleone.