



BOARD BRIEFING

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the November 13, 2008, School Board Meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

Veterans Honored

A resolution was passed recognizing the patriotism and valor of U. S. military veterans, especially those within the School System who have served or are serving in the military.

2008-2009 Teachers of the Year Recognized

The following teachers were recognized as 2008-2009 Teachers of the Year for the St. Tammany Parish Public School System for their outstanding and innovative contributions to education and the community.

- Tina Neal
Physical Education teacher at Chahta-Ima Elementary School
Elementary School Division
- Kimberly Keller
Fifth grade teacher at Lee Road Junior High School
Middle/Junior High School Division
- Deborah Tonguis
Social Studies teacher at Mandeville High School
High School Division

Bureau of Governmental Research Keller Award Recognized

Deputy Superintendent Trey Folse was recognized for receiving a Bureau of Governmental Research Excellence in Government Keller Award for Innovation. The award recognizes persons who have used innovative solutions to solve pressing problems. Mr. Folse has provided strong leadership in developing an energy conservation program that encourages wise energy use practices throughout the School System.

National PTA Recognition Noted

The PTA of Abita Middle School was congratulated for having earned recognition from the National PTA. Abita Middle School this year earned the National PTA Parent Involvement Schools of Excellence Certification, which recognizes schools that have worked to create and develop parent involvement programs that are well planned, meaningful, and long lasting. Ten schools in Louisiana have earned the honor in the past, eight of which are St. Tammany Parish Public School System schools: Abita Springs Elementary, Covington Elementary, Fontainebleau High, Lake Harbor Middle, Madisonville Elementary, Mandeville Middle, Pontchartrain Elementary, and Woodlake Elementary Schools.

"20 to Watch" Leader in Education Technology Recognized

Kristen Hernandez, a teacher at Carolyn Park Middle School, was recognized for being named one of the 2008 "20 to Watch" emerging leaders in education technology by the National School Boards Association's Technology Leadership Network (TLN). Ms. Hernandez was chosen for this national award for championing technology initiatives that make a difference for students, teachers, school districts, and the greater education technology community.

National Board Certified Speech Pathologists/Audiologists Recognized

National Board Certification - Speech Pathologists/Audiologists
Speech Pathologists/Audiologists who have received national board certification were recognized. The School System Speech Pathologists/Audiologists earning the certification are being recognized in a series of Board Meetings. The second group to be recognized includes Maria Field, Alice Fish-Barattini, Theresa Foley, Gloria Francis, Amy Goldsberry, Linda Gonzalez, Brigitte Gravelle, Phyllis Gremillion, Sharon Hagstette, Deanna Harrison, Beth Hebert, Cinamon Higbee, Sherry Hill, Shanta Hollier, Kristii Holmes, Emily Homer, Carrie Howard, Michelle Iverson, Beth Kelly, Katie Keowen, Michael

Korowin, Randy Krieger, Aleyce Lacy, Katie Lape, Susan Lemonier, Elizabeth Levet, Laura Loupe, Deena Mahler, Jennifer Massett, Dayle McDonough, Sharon Megilligan, Gina Meyers, and Ruth Nimelstein.

Principal for the New High School on Highway 1088 Appointed

Brennan McCurley was appointed Principal at the New High School in Mandeville located on Highway 1088, which is scheduled to open for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. McCurley currently is Principal at Slidell Junior High School.

Grade Configuration for the New Elementary School in Madisonville Accepted

The grade configuration for the new elementary school to be built in Madisonville was accepted. The school will consist of grades 2 through 4 for the first year, and grades 2 through 5 thereafter. The school will serve the same attendance area as Madisonville Elementary School and Madisonville Junior High School. Upon completion of the new school, Madisonville Elementary School will serve students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through First grade, and Madisonville Junior High School will serve grades 5 through 8 for the first year and grades 6 through 8 thereafter.

New Madisonville Elementary School Named for First Recorded Superintendent

The recommendation to name the new Madisonville Elementary School J. B. Lancaster Elementary School was accepted. Joseph B. Lancaster was in this way honored for his dedication to St. Tammany Parish as our first recorded superintendent, community leader, and advocate of education in St. Tammany Parish.

Little Pearl Elementary School Construction Accepted

Little Pearl Elementary School was as accepted as substantially complete subject to the Architect's recommendations, completion of the punch list, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.