

# Board Briefings

January 22, 2008 • Satchel Ford Elementary School  
an abbreviated school board action report prepared by the Office of Communications

## School Board Spotlight

The Board recognized the following schools that received Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards from the State Department of Education: Columbia High, Dreher High, A.C. Flora High, Heyward Career and Technology Center, Brennen Elementary, Gadsden Elementary, Greenview Elementary, Hand Middle, Hopkins Elementary, Mill Creek Elementary, A.C. Moore Elementary, E.E. Taylor Elementary, H.B. Rhame Elementary and Brockman Elementary.

## Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes of the 12/11/07 and 1/8/08 meetings
- Hiring of personnel
- A leave-of-absence request
- December financial statements

## Communications Audit

The Board received information on the recently-completed communications audit. This audit is a part of the district's strategic plan. The firm of Voss and Associates was hired to assess the district's communications programs. The report recommended that the district strengthen its efforts in community engagement, parent involvement and crisis communications.

## Office of Academics

- Title One Director Linda Gillespie reported on student achievement gains recorded during the federal Reading First Grant implemented at several Richland One elementary schools.

## Office of Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Bids for additions and renovations at Alcorn Middle School.
- A contract to purchase six video conferencing units for Alcorn, Gibbes, Hand, Perry, St. Andrews and Sanders schools.

*The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at the Stevenson Administration Building. Open session begins at 7 p.m.*