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In the News

Candler County Board of Education

February 2009

Calendar Option #1 was approved unanimously by the Board Thursday, February 19. The option #1 calendar vote was 152 to 25.

Considerations included:

- ☺ CRCT and GHS&T prior to Spring Break
- ☺ A full week at Thanksgiving
- ☺ A later start date
- ☺ Complete 1st semester by Christmas Break
- ☺ Early Release days for purpose of parent conference and Professional Learning will be Fridays

The Board of Education approved the following Administrative leaders for the 2009-10 School Year.

- Lesa Brown will transfer to MES, replacing the retiring Charlotte Coursey
- Carlene Ussery will be replacing Mary Clifton-Sp. Ed. Coordinator
- Jeff Williams- MES Assistant Principal replacing Carlene Ussery
- Gwenda Rotton- She will move from the central office to resume principalship at MIS.

This will be a net reduction of 2 1/2 Administrative positions.

GLISI—(Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement)

All members of the GLISI Cohort #2 team were lifted up last night by the "Awesome" powerful presentation at the regular February Board of Education meeting. Becky Turner from MHS; Lafonda Hackett and Monicca Bohannon from MMS; Pam Rushing from MIS and Adina Cliett and Kim Woods from MES presented a powerful PowerPoint inclusive of the GLISI theme for "Team Based Improvement". The report indicated that the implementation gap of 3.1 instructional practices was closing and they had clear evidence to support it. Next steps were also shared. Other GLISI Cohort # 2 members are as follows: Lori McGowan, Jill Powell, John Jordan, and Bubba Longgrear.

Around the Corner...

The Candler County School District will host a Teacher Recruitment and Educational Fair on Saturday, March 14th from 8:30 to 12 at Metter High School. *The purpose of the Educational Fair is to provide an opportunity for present and prospective parents to receive information about Educational programs Pre-K thru 12th grade available in our school system.* The Teacher Recruitment Fair was well attended last year and we are excited to meet with educators who can embrace our vision for teaching and learning.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK- MARCH 2 -6

Carol Smith, our Parent Liaison for Exceptional Children, has an event planned on March 6, 2009. The event will begin at 11:00 with a short assembly in Wilcox Auditorium followed by live music, games and other field days activities for children with disabilities. Lunch will be provided for staff, students and parents. All children and staff will receive a free t-shirt.

Congratulations: To Elease Turner, Rosa Deloach, and the Special Olympics Committee for helping us meet the criteria for accreditation for Special Olympics in 2009-10.

