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## ALABAMA SCHOOLS DONATE TO TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORTS



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hen disaster strikes, Alabamians open their hearts and wallets to help those in need, no matter where the need occurs. Students and faculty in many Alabama schools came back to class following the holiday break with game plans to help raise money for tsunami victims halfway across the globe.

Alabama Education News recently contacted school systems to ask for a description of activities schools are using to assist in the relief efforts. The reaction was overwhelming. Numerous responses poured in detailing ways students and educators answered the call for help – some big, some small. However, there are too many projects to list in this issue, but thanks and congratulations to all the systems and schools that banded together for the cause of helping others in a time of crisis.

Young artists at Fairhope High School in the Baldwin County School System gained national exposure when their heroic efforts were featured on NBC's Today Show, Jan. 7. The following weekend, funds for the "Kids Helping Kids" project were collected during a student art show at the Eastern Shore Art Center. The students' artwork, titled "I-van to Help," (See photo 1.) was created from the school's debris and damaged ceiling tiles caused by Hurricane Ivan. The three dimensional designs came from the students' interpretation of their personal Hurricane Ivan experiences. According to school principal



1. "I-van to Help" exhibit as displayed in the hurricane damaged studio at the Eastern Shore Art Center in Fairhope.
2. Bob Harding-Shawmut Elementary first-grader Beth Moore (c) is joined by teacher Beverly Letson (l) and principal Paul Sikes (r).
3. The artist of this postcard is Ben Reynolds, a 6th-grade student at Fairhope Middle School.
4. Harlan Elementary School sponsored "Have A Heart, Do Your Part."
5. Shaw High School's yard sale gave students opportunities to sell their wares for the good of others.
6. Robert E. Lee Elementary School students use their math skills to count donations.

BEVERLY THOMAS, the special art show netted more than \$2,000. Student-designed postcards are also being sold. (See photo 3.)

### MORE FUND RAISING EFFORTS:

#### BIRMINGHAM CITY – "Helping Hands

From Birmingham"- Money raised will be donated to the American Red Cross. More than 40 of the system's 66 schools participated.



#### CULLMAN COUNTY –

Good Hope Elementary School collected \$500 and students at Holly Pond Elementary School participated in a "Hat Day" where students made a donation to wear their favorite hat. Hanceville Elementary School held a "Change for Change" drive while West Point Middle School faculty members tipped-off in a friendly game of basketball to raise money.

#### EUFALA CITY – Bluff City, Western Heights, and Sanford Elementary Schools

collected \$1,638.25 in their "Coin Drop" project. Eufaula High School Key Club members artistically designed and sold "Relief Rocks" to the community.

#### CHAMBERS COUNTY – Bob Harding-Shawmut Elementary School

first-graders collected Mason jars full of cash. (See photo 2.)

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY – Phil Campbell High School

students came up with "We're Pinching Our Pennies for Tsunami Victims"

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# BOARD BRIEFS

## JANUARY AGENDA ITEMS:

- ✦ Passed Resolution Commending Karen Benefield as the January-March 2005 “Barbara Fannin Memorial Employee of the Quarter”
- ✦ Passed Resolution Proclaiming Feb. 13-19 Alabama Career/Technical Education Week
- ✦ Passed Resolution Commending Celebrities of Distinction Campaign Participants Courtney Cox, Bo Jackson, and Lionel Richie
- ✦ Received Resolution for Adoption of Science Course of Study
- ✦ Passed Resolution Recognizing School Board Recognition Month
- ✦ Authorized Review of a Teacher Education Program, Miles College, Birmingham



## SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH—FOUR MEMBERS BEGIN NEW TERM

The oath of office was administered by **GOV. BOB RILEY** on Jan. 13 to the Alabama Board of Education members from Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7. **RANDY MCKINNEY**, Orange Beach, District 1; **STEPHANIE BELL**, Montgomery, District 3; **ELLA BELL**, Montgomery, District 5; and **SANDRA RAY**, Tuscaloosa, District 7, were elected to the board in November. Gov. Riley appointed McKinney to the board in 2003. Stephanie Bell and Sandra Ray were elected to their fourth terms, and Ella Bell, her second term. Ray also serves as President Pro Tem and Presiding Officer in the absence of the Governor.

Alabama Board of Education members serve more than 730,000 students attending the state’s more than 1,500 public schools. They are committed to ensuring public schools are safe and disciplined, have quality teachers, challenging curricula, and effective school leaders. 🍏

**The Alabama State Board of Education's  
EDUCATIONAL RULER:  
Making & Measuring Progress Grade by Grade**

**Every Student Should Have:**

<b>Safe &amp; Disciplined Schools</b>	— Character Education/Student Responsibility and Conduct Standards Parent and Community Involvement
<b>Quality Teachers</b>	— Evaluations/Teaching/Accountability Professional Development Outstanding Programs/Preparing Teachers
<b>Challenging Curricula</b>	— Alabama Reading Initiative Alabama Math, Science, & Technology Initiative Comprehensive Courses of Study/Technology Availability Career/Technical Programs/Meeting International Business & Industry Standards
<b>Effective School Leaders</b>	— Emerging Leaders Principal Leadership Academy Superintendent's Academy

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New State Board of Education's goals.

THE 2005 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION HAS BEGUN IN MONTGOMERY. IN THIS SESSION, LAWMAKERS WILL CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EDUCATION BUDGETS. YOU CAN VIEW THE ALABAMA BOARD OF EDUCATION'S BUDGET REQUESTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2006 EDUCATION TRUST FUND IN THE [ALABAMA EDUCATION NEWS](#).



BEFORE



1. Devastation to Banda Aceh on the island of Sumatra as a result of the tsunami caused by the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake.
2. Indonesian refugees gather under an approaching helicopter to receive food and supplies.
3. A village near the coast of Sumatra lies in ruins.

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while students at Phil Campbell Elementary pitched in for “Let’s Have A Heart and Give Our Part – \$1 Hearts.”

Additionally, East Franklin Junior High School students took part in the “100th Day of Something” by bringing 100 of something to school on the 100th day of school.

**SHELBY COUNTY** – The Helena Intermediate School Hands in Service Club raised over \$738 in four days while “Chain of Compassion” was built by donations from Thompson Intermediate School. Montevallo Middle School is holding a reading marathon where students take pledges on the amount of reading done. Teachers at Shelby County High School pledged to do something outrageous in exchange for donations and Oak Mountain Middle School is asking for corporate partners to match school donations for UNICEF.

**FLORENCE CITY** – Harlan Elementary School’s “Boys vs. Girls” competition earned \$550. Additionally, Florence Middle School social studies classes mixed business with pleasure recently as they combined fund-raising activities and schoolwork. During class, students were allowed to purchase heart-shaped pizzas. The school’s “Have a Heart, Do Your Part” fund raiser netted more than \$3,200 for the International Red Cross. Dominoes Pizza provided the food. (See photo 4.)

**MOBILE COUNTY** – Shaw High School held a yard sale and Adams Middle School students ran errands and performed tasks for community members in a “Weekend of Work.”

(See photo 5.) The Mary G. Montgomery High School Leadership Class joined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club to sponsor Tsunami Relief Week, Jan. 18-21. A schoolwide assembly featured a teleconference call with a 1998 graduate of Mary G. Montgomery, currently living in Southeast Asia. Elsie Collier Elementary School students studied maps, cultural profiles, and facts about Sri Lanka discovering the distance between Mobile and Sri Lanka is 9,723 miles. Their goal is to raise \$972.30. Robert E. Lee Elementary students in Grades 3-5 also used their studies to determine the distance from Satsuma to Thailand is 9,306 miles. Their goal for each classroom is to raise \$1 for each 1,000 miles. (See photo 6.) Students at Castlen Elementary are placing a grain of rice in a jar for every penny that is collected. Their goal is to have 1,000,000 grains of rice and \$1,000; and at John Will Elementary, each dollar donated is represented by a paper hand. Each grade level has a different colored hand creating a rainbow of *Helping Hands*.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY** – Wares Ferry Road Elementary School students collected pennies for every life lost – 180,000 for Project CARE.

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY** – The Wilson High School BETA Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes hosted a Valentine’s Day dodge ball tournament.

**HOOVER CITY** – Money raised by Berry Middle School will be sent to the Sri Lanka Ministry of Education to help rebuild and repair schools. One of Berry’s math teachers, **DILHANI USWATE**, has family ties to Sri Lanka. Greystone Elementary is selling tsunami relief bracelets to add to the efforts.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY** – Over \$4,000 was raised in 10 days by Paine Primary School. North Highland, Pinson, and West Jefferson Elementary Schools also pitched in with fund raising.

**FORT PAYNE CITY** – Both Fort Payne High School and Middle School students raised approximately \$2,000.

**MOUNTAIN BROOK CITY** – The Crestline Elementary School Student Council sponsored a three-week fund-raising drive. Students performed chores at home and in their neighborhoods, and held car washes and bake sales. There was also a schoolwide “Cap Day” in which the children paid a dollar to wear a cap or hat to school and the teachers paid five dollars to wear jeans to school.

**AUBURN CITY** – Yarbrough Elementary School sang for the cause in a one-day event raising \$800. Students at Drake Middle School collected over \$2,600 in a week-long intra-school competition. Student teams competed for a chance to toss a pie at

**PRINCIPAL DEBRA BEEBE** during a school pep rally.

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY** – W.S. Neal Middle School students were challenged to bring in a dollar for each of the school’s 480 students in order to raise \$500. They went the extra mile and raised \$1,025 for the American Red Cross.

**MADISON COUNTY** – Meridianville Middle Schoolers sold pizza kits and painted faces to raise \$5,200 for the American Red Cross.

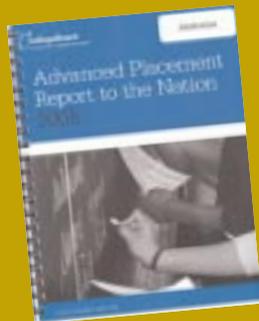


W.S. Neal Middle School students opened their wallets and hearts to help tsunami victims.

To date, over 166,000 people are reported dead and over 1.1 million displaced. In Sri Lanka, approximately 200 of the island’s 9,970 schools were destroyed or seriously damaged and many schools left standing were used as relief shelters. Remaining schools reopened Jan. 10. Some teachers were forced to hold outdoor classes under shade trees without textbooks and supplies.

To learn more [CLICK HERE](#), where teachers can download a School Kit containing classroom resources for teaching about the disaster and fund raising.

**Alabama School  
Worldwide Leader In  
AP Coursework**



**T**he Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School (IBS) is one of three schools in the world recognized for its exemplary Advanced Placement (AP) European History Program. In the College Board's *AP Report to the Nation 2005*, Jefferson County IBS was identified as a small-size school – less than 500 students in Grades 9-12 – with the highest percentage of students scoring 3 or higher on an AP Exam. The Birmingham school joins New Hartford Senior High School in New Hartford, NY (medium-size school – 500-999 students in Grades 9-12) and Stanton College Preparatory School in Jacksonville, FL (large-size school – 1000 + students in Grades 9-12) as schools leading the world in helping the widest segment of their total school populations attain college-level mastery of AP European History.

There are 34 AP Exams. Worldwide, 1,101,802 students took 1,887,770 AP Exams in 2004. Additionally, a total of 14,904 schools participated in the AP Program – 14,144 were in the U.S.

To review the *Advanced Placement Report to the Nation 2005*, [CLICK HERE](#).

*State Board of Education Member: Dr. Ethel H. Hall, District 4*

*Jefferson County Schools Superintendent: Dr. Phillip B. Hammonds*

*Jefferson County IBS Principal: Jane Baker*

**Inaugural  
Invitation**



**B**aldwin High School Choir students had the opportunity to experience history first hand as **PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH** was sworn into his second term in office on Jan. 20. In May, the students were invited to participate in an inaugural-centered competition that had them on hand for the spectacular event. As competitors in the Presidential Inaugural Heritage Music Festival, held at the University of Maryland, the students had the opportunity to experience all of the pomp and circumstance of the swearing in ceremony, as well as visit the historic landmarks and monuments in the nation's capital. They even attended a formal inaugural ball. While the talent of the choir members got them into the competition, it was a labor of love on the part of the students that made the trip possible. To raise the funds needed to take the trip, students sold baked goods, donuts, Christmas ornaments, candy, and sponsored car washes and yard sales to raise an impressive \$14,000 in eight months.

*State Board of Education Member: Randy McKinney, District 1*

*Baldwin County Schools Superintendent: Dr. Faron Hollinger*

*Principal: Eddie Mitchell*

*Choir Director: Sandra Brock*

**Morgan County Teacher  
Earns Award For  
School Newspaper**



**E**va School teacher **KIMBERLY DOCKERY** recently received a Leavey Award for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education for her project *The Eva Examiner*, a local community/school newspaper developed by a group of seventh- and eighth-graders. Celebrating its 28th year, the awards program, endowed by The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation, permits Freedoms Foundation to honor educators for their innovative efforts to help young people better understand the function and benefits of America's private enterprise system. Only 13 projects were selected this year nationwide.

Dockery will travel to Valley Forge, PA, in April, where she will be honored for her contributions and receive \$7,500 in prize money. Additionally, she will present her project to fellow educators during the Leavey Educational Summit.

*State Board of Education Member: David Byers, District 6*

*Morgan County Schools Superintendent: Don Murphy*

*Eva School Principal: Sheila Burt*

**R**ecycling out-of-date phone books to help save the environment started in the Auburn City Schools System several years ago. This year the system's schools will independently hold drives including the Auburn Early Education Center where kindergartners will learn about the importance of recycling. The youngsters collected 1,400 phone books in the last drive they held and have surpassed that number already collecting 3,000 books in this year's effort.

Auburn's neighboring school system also jumped on the bandwagon and is holding a phone book recycling project. **OPELIKA CITY SCHOOLS PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER KATE LARKIN** hopes schools in her district will exceed last year's collection of over 6,000 phone books, and at the same time, learn about the importance of recycling and take that knowledge home.

*State Board of Education Member: Betty Peters, District 2*  
*Auburn City Schools Superintendent: Dr. Terry Jenkins*  
*Opelika City Schools Superintendent: Dr. Phillip Raley*



**Schools Recycle Phone Books To Help Save Trees**



**Recycle America**

**T**he best way to instill good habits is to start early and repeat often. This is what fifth-graders at Cloverdale Junior High School in Florence are learning as they begin recycling and learning about the impact they can have on their environment. The youngsters collect aluminum cans and paper by the pound to help save the environment. Once students fill the recycle bin, approximately 400 pounds of recyclable materials are hauled off to the recycling center. Fifth-graders in teacher **TONYA HANBACK'S** class presented the schoolwide project idea and later got the school's student council involved. The project has now been promoted to all 220 students at Cloverdale Junior High. Since the recycling program's implementation, students visit each class once a week to collect recyclable items.

*State Board of Education Member: Sandra Ray, District 7*  
*Lauderdale County Schools Superintendent: Jerry Franklin Fulmer*  
*Principal: Kenneth C. Koss*

**T**he future's most thought provoking journalists may very well come from Alabama, as yearbooks from two of the state's schools, **CENTRAL BALDWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL** and **BROOKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL** caught the attention of one of the nation's top journalism schools. The Columbia University Scholastic Press Association, part of the graduate School of Journalism of Columbia University in New York City, recently nominated Central Baldwin's 2004 Berada yearbook and Brookwood's 2004 Pantheron yearbook for its distinguished Gold Crown Award. This award celebrates exceptional school yearbooks, magazines, and newspaper publications from schools across the country. Nationwide, only 54 yearbooks, for both middle and high schools, were nominated. These were the only two yearbooks nominated in Alabama. The national winner of the Gold Crown Award will be announced in March at Columbia's scholastic awards convention on the university's campus. In addition to the Gold Crown nomination, the Berada yearbook also won an All-American status award from the National Scholastic Press Association for its 2003 edition.

*Central Baldwin Middle School*  
*State Board of Education Member: Randy McKinney, District 1*  
*Baldwin County Schools Superintendent: Dr. Faron Hollinger*  
*Principal: Ronnie Green*  
*Yearbook Editor: Tiffany Turman*

*Brookwood High School*  
*State Board of Education Member: Sandra Ray, District 7*  
*Tuscaloosa County Schools Superintendent: Dr. Frank Costanzo*  
*Principal: Mr. Wayne McBride*  
*Yearbook Editor: Jessica Cate*

Christy Gray, second from left, edits yearbook copy with Natasha Williamson, from left, Jessica Cate, Tabitha Caddis, and Amanda Griffith at Brookwood High School. The Brookwood High School yearbook garnered a Crown nomination from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.  
*Tuscaloosa News Staff Photo / Michael E. Palmer*



**Prestigious Nominations**



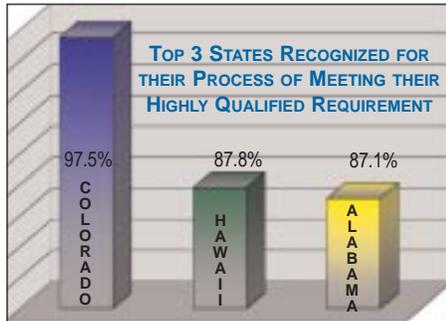
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# ALABAMA EDUCATION

## STATE RECEIVES HIGH MARKS ON GETTING TEACHERS HIGHLY QUALIFIED

The National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) report shows that Alabama is on track to ensure the state's public school teachers are becoming "highly qualified" (HQ) as mandated by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB). The report reflects states' progress in meeting the NCLB requirement of having all core academic subject teachers HQ by the end of the 2005-2006 school year. It examines, describes, compares, and grades states' efforts to comply with the HQ component of NCLB. States' programs were scored based on three principles: Effective Identification, Rigor, and Clarity and Accessibility. Alabama received the third highest cumulative score (87.1%) in the nation behind Hawaii (87.8%) and Colorado (97.5%) for its process of meeting the HQ requirement.

Additionally, Alabama received a B+ on its High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE) option. Alabama was one among eight states receiving a B with only one state – Colorado – receiving an A. Thirty other states attempting to meet the HQ requirement, including all other southeastern states except Mississippi, received lower grades. (Mississippi does not have a HOUSSE option) [CLICK HERE](#) to read the full report.



## STUDENTS SET SITES ON U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY JOBS

Bad guys, beware. Over 400 high school juniors and seniors from across the nation, including Alabama, have been selected to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy (NYLF/DID) this spring in Washington, D.C. Twenty Alabama students were chosen to attend the NYLF/ DID six-day program introducing students to challenging careers in national security, intelligence, the diplomatic corps, and more.

Students are chosen by the National Youth Leadership Forum on the basis of high academic achievement, leadership abilities, and interest in a career related to national security. The forum curriculum is based on actual world events and allows participants to interact with policy makers and military officers. Three sessions are offered between February and April.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the listing of Alabama students attending NYLF/DID.



NYLF is a nonprofit, educational organization committed to empowering young people to make well-informed career choices. Since being founded in 1992, more than 100,000 young leaders have taken advantage of the programs offered by NYLF. To learn more, [CLICK HERE](#).

## ALABAMA NATIONAL LEADER IN ENGLISH AND MATH

The Thomas B. Fordham Foundation, a Washington D.C.-based foundation which reviews state academic standards and supports research, publications, and action projects of national significance in elementary/secondary education reform, has ranked Alabama as one of the top states in the nation with regard to academic expectations in English and math.

Only a handful of states in the country, (Alabama, California, Indiana, Massachusetts) received an A in English and high marks (A or B) in mathematics standards.

**FORDHAM FOUNDATION REPORTS THAT ALABAMA IS:**

- 1 of 5 states in the nation to earn an A for its English standards and
- 1 of 3 states in the nation to earn a B in mathematics standards.



In math, only six states earned high marks (either an A or B letter grade): Alabama, California, Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, and New Mexico.

## CLASSICAL CLASS ACT

Long before the popular television show *American Idol*, choir director **JOE JENKINS** was reaching into the hearts of Birmingham area students and pulling out musical potential. For more than 10 years Jenkins has struck a cord with boys and girls trying to make it into The Magic City Boys Choir, Girls Choir, or Concert Choir. His passion for harmony and desire to teach young people the art of classical music has developed into an award-winning trio of choirs, well traveled and celebrated.



This year, the choir won first place at the Heritage Festivals of America competitions in New York City. This past Christmas, the groups performed a holiday concert at the Fairfield Civic Center in Birmingham.

## PRESIDENTIAL PROJECT

America's First Lady recently paid tribute to the blues, The Alabama Blues Project, that is. The project, which gives underserved Tuscaloosa area students the opportunity to build life skills through learning to play the blues, won the prestigious, national Coming Up Taller Award, and was presented the honor by **FIRST LADY LAURA BUSH**, Honorary Chair of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. The ceremony was held Dec. 14, in Washington D.C. Most of the students in this program are recruited from the Tuscaloosa Methodist Children's Home, Tuscaloosa Housing Authority, Boys and Girls Club of Tuscaloosa, Brewer



Porch Children's Center, and Tuscaloosa YMCA.

Coming Up Taller, an initiative of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, recognizes and supports outstanding community arts and humanities programs celebrating the creativity of America's young people, while providing them with new learning opportunities and ways to contribute back to their communities.

The focal point of the Alabama Blues Project's honor is its After-School and Summertime Blues Camp, which offers young people ages nine to 18 the opportunity to learn to sing or play the harmonica, guitar, or percussion. Students are instructed by a roster of professional blues vocalists and musicians. 🍏

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES

**The Beyond School Hours VIII: The Power of Partnerships Conference** will be held in Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 16-19. The conference will focus on quality after-school programs. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

**The 2005 Environmental Education Association of Alabama** will be held at Camp Mc Dowell in Nauvoo, Ala., Mar. 10-12. Activities include instruction on applying "the basics" to environmental education, a swap meet, moonlight canoeing, field trips, a silent auction, learning about the native wildlife of Alabama, and concurrent sessions on Reading and Writing in Science, Grant Writing, and Wormology. Each attendee will receive a comprehensive book list on CD of children's literature – fact and fiction – listed by the science themes. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#) or call Jeff Hughes at 256-512-0146.

**The No Child Left Behind Toolkit for Teachers** includes guidance on the law and how it supports teachers and schools. [CLICK HERE](#) to order a free copy or [CLICK HERE](#) to download a copy.

## AWARDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**The President's Volunteer Service Award** recognizes and honors volunteers of all ages for annual and lifetime commitment to volunteer service at home or abroad. To find out how to track your volunteer service, [CLICK HERE](#). For more award information, [CLICK HERE](#).

**The Giant Step Award** recognizes libraries and media centers offering excellent programs and services to students. To visit the Web site, [CLICK HERE](#). **Deadline: Mar. 5**

**The Technology Opportunities Program** promotes the widespread availability and use of advanced telecommunications technologies demonstrating how networks support lifelong learning for all Americans. \$12.4 million is available to schools. For more information, call 202-482-2048 or [CLICK HERE](#). **Deadline: Apr. 27**

# FEBRUARY



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# ALABAMA BOARD OF EDUCATION'S BUDGET REQUESTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2006 EDUCATION TRUST FUND:

## COST OF FRINGE BENEFITS

Certified Employees .....	\$84,068,998
Other Current Expense (OCE) for Non-Certified Employees .....	\$26,329,502
Transportation .....	\$14,240,766
Nurses .....	\$1,100,224
Department of Education .....	\$604,707

## ALABAMA READING INITIATIVE (ARI)

Fund training and reading coaches for new schools added in Summer 2005 .....	\$15,000,000
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## ALABAMA MATH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE (AMSTI)

Fund training for three new sites and sustain three existing sites supported by federal funds that are subject to expire .....	\$14,762,400
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## SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS (SACS) STANDARDS

The 1995 Accountability legislation requires the state to fund principal, assistant principal, librarian, and guidance counselor units based on SACS standards. These standards changed in 2000, and the Legislature has not funded the amount necessary to stay current. The amount needed including salaries and benefits .....

## OTHER CURRENT EXPENSE (OCE)

Following proration in FY 2001, the Alabama Legislature approved the FY 2002 budget, which cut OCE \$99 million to have a balanced budget. To date, only \$33 million of that \$99 million has been restored. Funding OCE at an additional \$32,513,421 above the cost of fringe benefits will help restore a portion of what was lost as a result of proration. The FY 2006 adjustment request to OCE of **\$32,513,421** above the increase in fringe benefits expense will help restore this closer to the pre-proration amount.

Increase textbook funding from \$57.50 per student to \$67.50 per student .....	\$7,423,316
Increase Transportation Fleet Renewal to provide funds for bus purchases .....	\$4,125,835

Increase Current Unit allocation to accommodate school systems experiencing student growth, which may include growth in Hispanic populations as part of overall growth .....

Fund @ \$35,000 per school system a Technology Coordinator to address data/technology issues within local school systems and between local school systems and the Alabama Department of Education .....

Increase Student and Teacher Testing to address escalating data demands created by state and federal accountability laws .....

Increase the 11 In-Service Centers allocations .....

Increase National Board for Professional Teaching Standards allocation .....

Increase teacher professional development funding from \$60 per teacher unit to \$90 per teacher unit .....

Increase Library Enhancement funding from \$135 per teacher unit to \$200 per teacher unit .....

Increase Science in Motion allocation to implement a van replacement plan .....

Increase School Accountability Report Card printing allocation .....

## ALLOCATION REQUESTS FOR ANY DISBURSEMENT OF STATE FUNDS ON A ONE-TIME, NON-RECURRING BASIS

Allocate funds for a one-time "catch-up" on postponed textbook purchases caused by the FY 2004 allocation cut of **\$36,728,303** from the FY 2003 funding level.

Allocate funds for a one-time increase to the Capital Purchase line item to allow local school systems to make building repairs and other capital purchases that have been postponed since proration in FY 2001.

## TEACHER OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

*McBride Elementary School, Muscle Shoals City Schools  
State Board of Education District 7*

A Muscle Shoals teacher's dedication to strengthening her students' bodies as well as their minds earned **MISSY CUPP** the Teacher of the Month award for February. As this month's winner, Ms. Cupp will receive \$1,000 from Alfa Insurance, and her school, McBride Elementary School, will receive a matching award from the Alabama Farmers Federation.

Ms. Cupp has been a physical education teacher for 20 years. Additionally, she works as an instructor with the Muscle Shoals Parks and Recreation Department and has taught and directed physical education programs at both the University of North Alabama and Northwest Shoals Community College. She has won numerous teaching awards including Teacher of the Year honors for both her school and the Muscle Shoals City School system. She also mentors young teachers and has conducted workshops on physical education at the statewide

level. Since 1992, her school has been recognized a Presidential Council on Fitness Demonstration Site.

Since its inception in 1998, the Alfa Teacher of the Month program has awarded \$170,000 to deserving teachers, principals, and schools throughout Alabama.

During 2005, Alfa Insurance and the Alabama Farmers Federation will honor one outstanding teacher from each of Alabama's eight state school board districts as well as two private school teachers and two principals. [CLICK HERE](#) for application information. 🍏



**MISSY CUPP**