

*What's New? Week of February 26, 2007*

## **Andy Craig is Hoover City Schools' New Superintendent**

[Craig Chosen As Hoover Schools Superintendent - Breaking News from the Birmingham News, February 22, 2007.](#)

[Interim Schools Chief Lands Permanent Post - February 23, Birmingham News](#)

[Superintendent Planning to Learn and to Delegate - February 25, Birmingham News](#)

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## **Tell Us What's on Your Mind in our Newest Survey - *posted 02/23/07***

The HSCIN welcomes our new Superintendent, Andy Craig, to the helm of our school system. Mr. Craig is familiar with issues surrounding growth and other changes that have occurred in our Hoover City Schools, and is currently developing a vision for our school system. The public will be asked for input into this plan, according to Mr. Craig.

We would like to hear from you, our school community, about what you are concerned about with regard to our school system. The HSCIN will present this information to Mr. Craig when the survey is completed.

This survey will be available online from February 23 until March 8, 2007.

[Click Here to take the survey](#)

*Remember, participation in surveys is anonymous.*

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## **March 1st Deadline to Submit Resume for Board of Education Appointment - *updated 02/23/07***

The Education Committee of the Hoover City Council met on Thursday, February 15, 2007 to discuss the upcoming appointment to the Hoover Board of Education. **The Committee decided to accept resumes from interested persons from now until 5:00 p.m. on March 1. Resumes should be submitted to the City Clerk at the Municipal Office building (across the street from the Hoover Library).**

To visit the Hoover City Council's official page on the Board of Education, click [here](#).

After resumes have been received, the Committee will determine how best to proceed with interviews.

If you have any interest in serving on our School Board, please take the time to submit a resume. The Education Committee of the City Council has previously granted interviews to all who apply. Interviews will take place during the month of March.

Last year, the interviews were public for the first time. Twenty-one people were interviewed for two open positions. Questions were asked about what the applicants thought were our school systems' strengths and weaknesses, how test scores are viewed, and various other general questions. Those who interviewed stated that the interviews being public was not a problem for them.

**We need good, qualified School Board members.** Please consider applying for this next appointment. Serving on the Hoover School Board of Education is the highest form of volunteer service to our school community.

To view more information on becoming a School Board Member, visit the [Links](#) section of our [Board of Education](#) page.

[School Board Gets Set to Fill Board Seat - February 16, Birmingham News](#)

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## [Parent Involvement Survey from Project Appleseed](#) - *posted 02/23/07*

Click the link to take you to a quick survey---no results are compiled, it's for your use only--to help you rate your contribution to your child's success at school.

Many of us ask how we can be more involved and engaged in our children's education. Here's a great way to begin!

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## [Music Opportunity Program Showcase March 4](#) - *posted 02/23/07*

The annual Music Opportunity Program SHOWCASE is Sunday, March 4, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. This free family program will be held at the Boutwell Auditorium in downtown Birmingham.

The concert will feature the Birmingham String Orchestra directed by Paul Merryman and the Birmingham Prelude Strings conducted by Dr. Rita Salzberg. Members of the String Academy from surrounding schools will also perform.

The Alabama Youth Symphony will conclude the program with three works, two featuring soloist. Cellist Jisoo Kim who attends the Alabama School of Fine Arts will perform Fauré's Elégie, Op. 24. Altamont School's Flavia Parajo van de Stadt will perform Vivaldi's Violin Concerto in G Minor.

The afternoon will conclude with a reception and opportunity to meet these aspiring young musicians.

The Music Opportunity Program has trained youth in the greater Birmingham area in string instrument instruction or youth orchestra for the past 20 years. MOP offers String Academy--small group classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders--held during school in many Birmingham City and Jefferson County schools and at after-school locations throughout the area. As young string musicians develop, they have the opportunity to audition and train with one of three youth orchestras – Birmingham String Orchestra for beginning instrumentalists; Birmingham Prelude Strings for intermediate students; and the premiere Alabama Youth Symphony, a full orchestra for advanced student musicians. Representing public and private schools from

throughout greater Birmingham, these orchestra musicians rehearse weekly at the Alabama School of Fine Arts.

The Music Opportunity Program gratefully acknowledges the support provided by the Jefferson County Commission through the Jefferson County Community Arts Fund administered by the Cultural Alliance of Greater Birmingham, the Community Foundation of Great Birmingham, and the Joseph Bruno Foundation.

For more information, contact the Music Opportunity Program at 205-458-7290 or [jgoforth@asfa.k12.al.us](mailto:jgoforth@asfa.k12.al.us).

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## Survey - Academic Challenge in Hoover City Schools - Results - *posted 02/23/07*

**This deadline for completing this survey has passed. This survey opportunity was available from February 9 through February 22.**

[Academic Challenge in Hoover City Schools Results](#)

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## News Articles and Newsletters Posted

[Superintendent Planning to Learn and to Delegate - February 25, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover School Brings Books Closer to Children's Homes - February 24, Birmingham News](#)

[Craig Only Finalist Left for School Post - February 22, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Teachers Finalists from State for Coveted Prize - February 21, Birmingham News](#)

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