

## What's New? Week of August 6, 2007

### Important Dates

August 6 - Hoover Institute for New Teachers

August 9 - First Day of School

August 9 - Board Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

August 13 - Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

August 13 - HSCIN Meeting, 8:00 a.m., Panera Bread, Patton Creek

[Click to view the Hoover City Schools' District Calendar for August](#)

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### Back-to-School Meetings for Parents- *updated 08/03/07*

[Click to view the Hoover City Schools' District Calendar for August.](#) It lists dates and times of upcoming Open Houses and Parent Nights at Hoover's schools. **Make sure to write the date down on your calendar and make every effort to attend that first meeting of the year.**

[Click here to view a school-by-school breakdown of parent meetings.](#) Please note that the list is accurate as of August 3. *Check with your child's school to ensure accuracy.*

Make the time to attend this first parent meeting of the year. It's a great opportunity to get to know some of the people who will be a part of your child's life for the new school year. Many parents and family members believe that if their child isn't actually changing schools, there's no need to attend orientation and parent meetings. On the contrary! Each new school year brings new teachers and new expectations!

Take the time to review our [Transitions page](#) for some helpful hints on moving on into the new school year.

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### Individual Schools Pages - *posted 08/03/07*

Check our [Individual Schools Page](#) for official links to school websites and other information regarding your child's school. We've added a page for the Hoover High School Freshman Campus, too.

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## Hoover High Freshman Campus Web Site – *posted 08/03/07*

The official web site for the Hoover High Freshman Campus is ready! Lots of great information on the site; [click here to view it.](#)

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## Survey Results- Hoover High Investigation - *posted 08/05/07*

Thank you for participating in this survey. So many shared their thoughts that we have created two reports: one with the "open-ended" comments (29 pages) and one with only the numeric results (3 pages). We truly appreciate the time that you took to share your thoughts. The open-ended comments clearly display how concerned our community is with this investigation and surrounding issues.

[Click to read the 29-page report.](#)

[Click to read the Abridged version.](#)

For more information regarding the investigation, visit our [Investigation Update page.](#)

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## Percent of Tenured and Non-Tenured Teachers at Hoover Schools for 2007- *posted 08/05/07*

<i>School</i>	<i>% Tenured</i>	<i>% Non-Tenured</i>
Simmons Middle	80	20
Bluff Park	74	26
Berry Middle	68	32
Green Valley	65	35
Greystone	65	35
Riverchase	64	36
Shades Mountain	64	36
South Shades Crest	63	37
Hoover High	62	38
Trace Crossings	58	42
Rocky Ridge	57	43
Bumpus Middle	57	43
Gwin	57	43
Deer Valley	53	47
Spain Park High	44	56

*\*This table includes only Teachers defined as "188-Day" teachers.*

No representation is made as to what these numbers indicate. Our Board of Education has made it clear that they wish the Hoover school system to be the "employer of choice", and the HSCIN is beginning to track employment changes in our schools to determine if we are meeting that stated goal. This table serves as a baseline indicator.

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## It's Budget Preparation Time Again....*updated 08/05/07*

School Finances are probably the least understood aspect of a school system and yet are extremely important to the proper functioning of a school system.

Read [School Finance is the Key to the Whole Enterprise](#), posted by Edsource.org to get a good overview of spending and revenue and why a good plan needs to be in place to ensure student and community success.

Check out our [Financial Information page](#) for more information on Hoover City School's finances.

The City of Hoover will begin Budget Hearings in the near future. Superintendent Andy Craig will be asked to present a request from the School System to the City Council for consideration of what contribution the City of Hoover will make to our School System.

Stay tuned for more Financial Information about our schools. Download our [Community Guide to Understanding the Hoover City Schools Budget](#) to help you understand the terminology and other pieces of the Finance puzzle. This Guide will be updated for 2007 *as soon as the numbers are made available*.

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## News Articles and Newsletters

### Hoover News

[Letters to the Editor - August 5, Birmingham News](#)

[Sound Off: Soap Opera at Hoover Schools - August 5, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Football Strife Important Mostly Inside City - August 2, Birmingham News](#)

[Expanding Investigation - Editorial - August 1, Birmingham News](#)

[Interview with Suzy Baker and Donna Frazier - August 1 - alltalkforwomen.com \[click on the play button under Listen to the Show\]](#)

[Key Claims in Lawsuit Pullout - August 1, Birmingham News](#)

[Propst Says Allegations Are Not True - July 31, Birmingham News](#)

[Stantis Speaks: Hoover School Board Whitewash - July 30, Birmingham News - Political Cartoon](#)

[Sports Buzz - July 30, Birmingham News](#)