

What's New? Week of November 26, 2007

Important Dates

December 6 - Board of Education Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

December 10 - Board of Education Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

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Hoover City Schools Foundation Looking for Board Members - *posted 11/19/07*

The Hoover City Schools Foundation (HCSF) Board is expanding and is seeking one or two new Board Members who are passionate about giving back to our children through our schools so that students can reach their full potential.

The HCSF is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit that was established in 1992 to support educational excellence within the Hoover Schools. Over the past several years the Foundation has awarded more than \$100,000 to fund classroom grants and professional development grants, and to support the Mobile Math Initiative and the Jack Farr scholarship program.

What does it take to be an HCSF Board Member?

- Passion to make our schools better and improve student achievement and character
- Meet once per month, for approximately one hour
- Ability to generate funding – through personal and business networks
- Participation in one to two fundraising events annually
- Willingness to serve a four year term

Do you have what it takes to be an HCSF Board Member?

If so, complete the [Application Form](#) and forward it to the HCSF at the address on the application.

If you have questions or would like additional information visit the [HCSF website](#) or contact Kimberly S. Patterson, HCSF Board President at Pattersonk524@aol.com or phone 205.901.0374.

Tis' the Season for Band and Choir Concerts - *posted* *11/26/07*

[Click here to go to the Hoover City Schools' District Calendar for December.](#) On it you will see the various choir and band concerts being conducted by our Fine Arts students in our schools. Take the time to attend one if you're able. You'll be in for a real treat!

Accountability Standards Questioned Again - *posted* *11/19/07*

John Archibald, in his [article on Sunday, November 18](#), comments on a report issued by the Education Sector, a think tank backed by, among others, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This report claims that states are gaming the accountability standards under No Child Left Behind by lowering standards so that schools can make the grade.

Read the article, [Report Blasts Schools on Standards - November 14, The Birmingham News](#), discussing the Education Sector's report.

Download the report, "[The Pangloss Index: How States Game the No Child Left Behind Act](#)" from Education Sector.

Download the "[Recommendations to Congress](#)" from Education Sector.

The report, "[Getting State Standards Right in the Early and Middle Grades](#)", published in 2006 by the Southern Regional Education Board, raised similar questions about Alabama's standards for accountability.

[Hoover High Investigation Update](#)

News Articles and Newsletters

Hoover News

[Is Hoover Schools' Mission in Scholastics or Football? - Sound Off - November 22, The Birmingham News](#)

[Doesn't Public Deserve Info on BucTV Funds? - Jon Anderson - November 22, The Birmingham News](#)

[Offer for Old Berry Includes May Deadline - November 22, The Birmingham News](#)

[Spain Park High Students Spread Blessings - November 22, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover High Students Star in French Week - November 22, The Birmingham News](#)