

What's New? Week of December 11, 2006

Board of Education Meeting Draft Agenda for December 11th Meeting - posted 12/09/06

The Superintendent Search Process - What's Next?

Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates will present the findings of the forums, focus groups, and Leadership Profile submissions to the Board of Education on Thursday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

The rest of the timeline looks like this:

December 14, 2006 - HYA will present the Leadership Profile created by stakeholders in Hoover City Schools to the Board of Education. This Profile will be posted on the [Hoover Schools' website](#). During this time, HYA will also facilitate discussions with the Board regarding a Compensation Package for the Superintendent, but will not set that in stone until further along in the process.

Superintendent Position will be posted at that point. HYA mentioned they will post the position on their [website](#), in the *American Association of School Administrators* publication, and in *EdWeek*. They will also actively recruit probable candidates based on the Profile developed by Hoover's stakeholders.

February 5, 2007 - A slate of five possible candidates will be given to the Board of Education. HYA will screen and interview all probable candidates before presenting any to the Board.

February 10 and 11, 2007 - The five candidates will be interviewed by the Board. HYA will facilitate discussion to narrow the field to two or three "semi-finalists".

February 12, 13, and 14, 2007 - The "semi-finalists" will be brought back for a more intense interview process, spending time with the Board officially and socially. Open Meetings laws will be followed whenever more than two Board members are present. The Board is discouraged from discussing the candidates with each other until HYA returns on the 15th to facilitate the discussion.

February 15, 2007 - HYA will facilitate discussions with the Board to aid them in their decision of whom to appoint as Superintendent.

Week of February 26, 2007 - The Superintendent Candidate will be brought in for an intense Site Visit, including his or her family members to ensure the Candidate has sufficient information to make their decision.

March 5, 2007 - The Board will appoint the Superintendent effective July 1, 2007.

Check the HSCIN [Superintendent Search Update](#) page for updates.

Alabama Math, Science and Technology Initiative (AMSTI)

[website](#) - *posted 12/09/06*

[U.S. Department of Education website](#)

The [Alabama State Board of Education and State Department of Education Administrative Code](#) is available here. It is a compilation of all of the rules by which the State Board and Department of Education operate.

[District Budget](#) - the highlighted portion is What's New

The 2006-2007 Budget reflects state, federal and local revenue and distributions to each school under the State Foundation Program (the way the State allocates funds to schools based on enrollment).

The [State Foundation Program](#) uses Average Daily Membership (ADM) from the previous school year's time period from the 20 days following Labor Day to calculate allotments.

Click [here](#) to view the 2006-2007 Budget.

Click [here](#) to view the Special Report, "Community Guide to Understanding the Hoover City School District Budget", August 2006. This report was prepared by HSCIN Board member Trisha Crain, using a template from a Greenville, South Carolina school system.

[Commission on Quality Teaching Recommends Reforms to Governor Riley](#) - *posted 12/09/06*

[Home Page of the Governor's Commission on Quality Teaching](#)

[Take the Survey! - The Jefferson County 1% Sales Tax Revenue](#)

Please take a moment to complete this Survey. This survey will remain online until January 5, 2007. This is your opportunity to provide your opinion on how the \$80 million in revenue should be spent.

Thank you for your input. To begin, click [here](#).

English Language Arts Course of Study Revision - *posted 12/09/06*

The Alabama Course of Study in English Language Arts is currently under revision. Click [here](#) to download the document outlining how you can provide input into this revision.

Driver Education and Traffic Safety Course of Study Revision - *posted 12/09/06*

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Editorials and Commentary about Hoover Schools and Education

[Race of life won or lost at education's starting block - December 3, Birmingham News](#)

[Rethink definition of 'good education' - December 3, Birmingham News](#)

[Stellar teaching program works - December 3, Birmingham News](#), written by former Spain Park High School teacher, Tammy Dunn.

[Those who can, teach - December 3, Birmingham News](#)

News Articles Posted

[Alabama State Department of Education News - November/December 2006](#)

[Riley Advises Local School Boards to Get Involved in Politics - December 9, Birmingham News](#)

[Killer's Mother Sues Hoover - December 7, Birmingham News](#)

[Some Criteria for Picking Hoover's Next Superintendent - December 6, Birmingham News - Hoover Editor's Column](#)

[Classroom Clips - December 6, Birmingham News](#)

[Drug Use Among Hoover Teens Dropping, Reports Says - December 6, Birmingham News](#)

[Another Party Interested in Old Berry Campus - December 5, Birmingham News](#)

[UAB Students Propose Citywide Wi-Fi in Hoover - December 2, Birmingham News](#)

[Bolt Mixes Business with Education - November 29, Hoover Gazette](#)

[Powell Has Seen Tremendous Growth in City, Chamber - Hoover Gazette, no date posted](#)

New Links Posted on the Parent Resources Page

[Eight Lessons of Parent and Family Involvement in the Middle Grades \(6-8\)](#). *Posted 12/09/06*. From Middleweb.com.

[Strong Families, Strong Schools](#). From the U.S. Department of Education. Originally published in 1994. *Posted 12/09/06*.

[Links from the Alabama State Department of Education](#). *Posted 12/09/06*. Exhaustive list of resources in Alabama.

Resources for Families of Children with Special Needs - New Postings

[Who Qualifies for Services under IDEA? General Information About Disabilities: Disabilities that Qualify Infants, Toddlers, and Youth for Services Under IDEA](#). *Posted 12/09/06*. From the U.S. Department of Education.

Christmas Concerts - Winter Season 2006

Jon Anderson, Editor of the Hoover News, recently posted on his blog all of the [Choir Concerts](#) happening in the Hoover City School system. They're listed by date---hurry, though. Only three dates left.....

From the [Simmons Middle School Page](#):

The Student Council has completed a memorial for Tera Morris, a student at Simmons who fought a brave battle with cancer. The Wishing Well has been installed in the Lobby, where students can roll money into the Well. All monies collected will go to St. Jude's Children Hospital in memory of Tera.