

What's New? Week of December 25, 2006

The Hoover School Community Information Network would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. There is much to do in 2007. We look forward to hearing from you.

Trisha Crain, Board Chair

Hoover Schools Reopen Wednesday, January 3, 2007.

[Hoover City Schools' New Website](#) - *posted 12/25/06*. Check out our school system's new website. HSCIN will produce a survey to ask for your input into what you'd like to see on the official website for Hoover City Schools. HSCIN will provide your suggestions to Mr. Andy Craig for further development of the official Hoover City Schools' website.

[Hoover City Schools' Financial Statements Available on the New Hoover City Schools' Website](#) - *posted 12/21/06* - In accordance with the School Fiscal Responsibility Act, passed in June, effective in October, Hoover City Schools will post financial statements on a monthly basis.

[Teacher Recognition Page](#) - Hoover City Schools are full of amazing and accomplished teachers and faculty members. Check out our new page designed to recognize our community members on the front lines of education every day!

[Accountability and Testing Page](#) - Take a moment to review the accountability and testing requirements and results for our Hoover City Schools.

[Parents Create Schools Watchdog Group](#) - *posted 12/21/06* - From Indianapolis, Indiana. Apparently other communities feel the need to get engaged in their school systems' decision-making process as well.

[Prichard Committee's Winter Newsletter](#) - *posted 12/21/06*. From Kentucky, the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence has been in existence since 1983 and consists of community members interested in serious school reform in Kentucky. They have made great strides in improving the education of Kentucky's children. The HSCIN looks to the Prichard Committee as a blueprint for future community engagement.

News Articles and Newsletters Posted

[A+ Education Foundation Newsletter - December 21](#). *Posted 12/25/06*

[Shannon Annexation Election Put on Hold - December 22, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover School Official Molds New Ideas for Improvement - December 20, Birmingham News](#)

[Richard Rayborn Elected Hoover Chamber President - December 20, Birmingham News](#)

[Shannon Residents to Vote on Annexation Into Hoover - December 20, Birmingham News](#)

[Speak Out - December 20, Birmingham News](#). One letter clarifies the focus of the ALPHA program at Bumpus, the second takes a look at the Long Range Planning Policy in the Hoover City Schools Policy Manual.