

# What's New? Week of December 4, 2006

## New Survey - The Jefferson County 1% Sales Tax Revenue

Please take a moment to complete this Survey. Topics will change bi-weekly and results of surveys will be posted. Thank you for your input. To begin, click [here](#).

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## Simmons Middle School page

Simmons' PTO President, Lindy Hale, has prepared these helpful updates for parents of Simmons Middle School students. Click on the date to read the document.

[November 27, 2006](#)

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## News Articles and Newsletters Posted

[Interim Chief Told He Can't Stay CFO - December 2, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Superintendent Forums End - December 1, Birmingham News](#)

[Emphasis on Academics at Hoover School-Chief Forum - November 30, Birmingham News](#)

[Superintendent Search Firm Wants to Hear from Public - November 29, Birmingham News](#)

[Students Recognized for Posters Honoring Veterans - November 29, Birmingham News](#)

[Classroom Clips - November 29, Birmingham News](#)

[Not for Geniuses Only: Hoover's IB Program Wants Hard Workers, Too - November 29, Birmingham News](#)

[A+ Education Foundation Newsletter - November 28, 2006](#)

[Education News on Fox 6 Website - posted 11/29/06](#)

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**UPDATE - Community Meeting at Hoover High School tonight - November 29, 2006**

About 20 people were in attendance at the meeting this evening.

Dr. Art Jones and Dr. Jesse Register from Hazard, Young, Attea, and Associates facilitated the meeting.

Dr. Jones asked the attendees to relay strengths of the Hoover City School system.

Many were mentioned: the ability of the student body to achieve at high levels if opportunities for achievement are presented, the IB program availability, the proximity to UAB, AP courses at the high school level, and the student body diversity.

Challenges that were mentioned included the perception of a weak elementary curriculum, the lack of vision for the District as a whole, and the lack of accountability within the system.

Attendees put forth that the next Superintendent should have a strong educational background and should assist in character development as well as academic development. The school Leader should be one who can take our system to the next level in achievement, and should embrace high expectations for all children within the system. A school Leader with experience in school choice (e.g., magnet programs) was also mentioned.

**The next Community Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. at Spain Park High School.**

**Articles in the Birmingham News regarding the Community Meetings:**

[Emphasis on Academics at Hoover Superintendent Forum - November 30, Birmingham News](#)  
[Hoover Superintendent Forums End - December 1, Birmingham News](#)

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**Jon Anderson, the Hoover News Editor, now maintains a [Blog on the al.com Website](#). Check out his comments on attendance at the Community Meetings.**

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## 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.

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**[Interim Chief Told He Can't Stay On as CFO](#)** - December 2, Birmingham News

[Chapter 290-2-5-.01 of the Alabama Administrative Code](#) prohibits the Superintendent from acting as Chief Financial Officer for a school system:

**290-2-5-.01 Standards For Chief School Finance Officers.** A local board of education shall have a chief school finance officer that meets the qualifications and certification

requirements established by the State Department of Education. The duties of a chief school finance officer may be conferred on any officer or employee of the local board of education, except the local school superintendent.