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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **New 2008 Master Teachers in Georgia**

**(Columbus, GA)**- Governor Sonny Perdue names 57 new teachers who have earned the 2008 "Master Teacher" certification. Three of them are in the Muscogee County School District.

#### **Muscogee County 2008 Master Teachers:**

Staci Nicole Allen  
(Downtown Elementary Magnet)

Nakia Hunter Farley  
(Rothschild Middle School)

Tanya Lawrence Kearse  
(Double Churches Middle School)

"These 57 teachers join the nearly 300 Master Teachers before them who have clearly demonstrated their expertise in helping our children achieve at higher levels," said Governor Perdue. "They are masters at inspiring students to learn, and I'm proud to recognize them for their outstanding work in one of our most honorable professions."

Georgia's Master Teacher Certification Program was championed by Governor Perdue during the 2005 legislation session and is coordinated by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC). It provides statewide recognition to certified public school teachers in Georgia who have at least three years of teaching experience and who consistently demonstrate instructional excellence through their students' achievement.

Master Teacher certification qualifies teachers to:

- ▶ Earn a stipend for mentoring new teachers or serving as Academic Coaches
- ▶ Use instructional release time to promote effective professional development
- ▶ Make recommendations to improve schools and student learning

In addition, Master Teachers are eligible to automatically renew their teaching certificates as long as they continue to qualify for Master Teacher status.

To see a complete list of Georgia's Master Teachers log onto [www.mcsdga.net](http://www.mcsdga.net) or [http://www.gamasterteacher.org/MT\\_2008\\_list.aspx](http://www.gamasterteacher.org/MT_2008_list.aspx).

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