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NEWS RELEASE

State Superintendent to Visit Baker Middle School and Eddy Middle School

(Columbus, GA)- One of Georgia's top educators is coming to the Muscogee County School District. Kathy Cox, the State Superintendent of Education, will visit with teachers, students, and staff at Baker Middle School, 1215 Benning Drive, and Eddy Middle School, 2100 South Lumpkin Road, on Wednesday, September 24, 2008.

Traveling to Georgia's schools and visiting with local educators is part of the State Superintendent's job description (O.C.G.A. 20-2-35), but Superintendent Cox has taken it to a new level. Since taking office in 2003, she has visited over 500 schools in every school system in the state.

Mary Avery, principal of Baker Middle School says, "We are excited about the State Superintendent visiting our school to encourage our students to continue their hard work."

The Muscogee County Board of Education recently recognized Eddy Middle School as a 2008 Writing to Win Exemplary School of Writing. The school was selected as a qualifying school from over 140 Writing to Win schools throughout Georgia and South Carolina.

Alonzo James, principal of Eddy Middle School says, "A visit from the State Superintendent of Education is a privilege. Our students, teachers, and administrators are excited. We look forward to having the opportunity to share all of our accomplishments and challenges with the State Superintendent firsthand."

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"These visits give me the opportunity to meet face-to-face with the people on the front lines of education in Georgia," said State Superintendent Kathy Cox. "

"I am always excited to get into schools and see the learning that is happening around the state. What I learn on the road has a big impact on the work of the Georgia Department of Education and the State Board of Education," she said.

SCHEDULE

TIME

LOCATION/AGENDA

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Baker Middle School

Meet with Business and Community Partners

12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Visit Classrooms

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. (No Media)

Meet with Teachers, Staff, and Administrators

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Travel to Eddy Middle School

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Visit Classrooms

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (No Media)

Meet with Teachers, Staff, and Administrators

If you would like more information or would like to confirm a video or photo opportunity, please contact Valerie Fuller, Director of Communications, (706) 748-2164 or e-mail communications@mcsdga.net.

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