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Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) *Audit of Student Responses on 2009 CRCT* **MCSD Data Overwhelmingly Good**

(Columbus, GA) – The Governor's Office of Student Achievement completes a State Audit of Student Responses on the 2009 Criterion Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) documents. Subjects audited included Reading, Language Arts, and Math. The purpose of the audit was to observe and evaluate erasures from wrong to right answers, determine how many erasures of this kind occurred in a typical Georgia classroom, and flag any classroom where the number of errors equaled more than three (3) standard deviations from the typical Georgia classroom.

The GOSA classroom data was compiled to the school level and reported by school. The data/schools are categorized in four classifications:

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| ❖ 0% - 5% | Completely Cleared |
| ❖ 5% - 10% | Minimal Concern |
| ❖ 11% - 24% | Moderate Concern |
| ❖ > 25% | Severe Concern |

"Your data was overwhelmingly good," said Kathleen Mathers, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Student Achievement. "Muscofee County did not stand out as a system in the State where there are major problems."

"We do have some areas that need work," said Superintendent Susan Andrews.

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In the Muscogee County School District, forty-seven (47) schools were reviewed:

- ❖ 30 schools Completely Cleared
- ❖ 8 schools Have Minimal Concern
- ❖ 7 schools Have Moderate Concern
- ❖ 2 schools Have Severe Concern

As a result of the GOSA 2009 CRCT Audit, schools listed below were categorized as having **Severe, Moderate, or Minimal Concern** in the Muscogee County School District.

- ❖ Muscogee Elementary School
- ❖ Davis Elementary School
- ❖ Brewer Elementary School
- ❖ Waddell Elementary School
- ❖ Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School
- ❖ Cusseta Road Elementary School
- ❖ Georgetown Elementary School
- ❖ East Columbus Middle School
- ❖ Marshall Middle School
- ❖ Edgewood Elementary School
- ❖ Baker Middle School
- ❖ Downtown Elementary School
- ❖ St. Mary's Road Elementary School
- ❖ Forrest Road Elementary School
- ❖ Reese Road Elementary School
- ❖ Lonnie Jackson Elementary School
- ❖ Eddy Middle School

The schools listed below were categorized as **Clear**.

- ❖ River Road Elementary School
- ❖ Midland Middle School
- ❖ Rigdon Road Elementary School
- ❖ Johnson Elementary School
- ❖ Dawson Elementary School
- ❖ Wesley Heights Elementary School
- ❖ Benning Hills School
- ❖ Key Elementary School
- ❖ Wynnton Elementary School
- ❖ Arnold Middle School
- ❖ Britt David Elementary School
- ❖ Hannan Elementary School
- ❖ South Columbus Elementary School

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- ❖ Eagle Ridge Elementary School
- ❖ Fox Elementary School
- ❖ Rothschild Middle School
- ❖ Double Churches Middle School
- ❖ Veterans Middle School
- ❖ Richards Middle School
- ❖ Blackmon Road Middle School
- ❖ Double Churches Elementary School
- ❖ Clubview Elementary School
- ❖ Midland Academy School
- ❖ Dimon Elementary School
- ❖ Mathews Elementary School
- ❖ Gentian Elementary School
- ❖ Allen Elementary School
- ❖ Blanchard Elementary School
- ❖ Fort Middle School
- ❖ North Columbus Elementary School

“Although there are areas of concern in our data, we are pleased that the majority of our schools are in the **Clear** status,” added Andrews. “We take this report very seriously and will conduct our investigation in a systematic manner.”

Schools of **Minimal Concern** will rotate teachers to administer standardized tests and will have a system level monitor assigned to them during testing.

Schools of **Moderate Concern** will rotate teachers during standardized testing, will have a system level monitor assigned, and the Superintendent will conduct an investigation into the testing process at these schools.

Schools of **Severe Concern** will rotate teachers, have a district level monitor assigned during testing, Superintendent will conduct an investigation into the testing process, and the school will have a State monitor in the building during standardized testing. This is not an indication that every teacher was flagged because multiple tests could be administered by multiple teachers.

Schools that are completely **Cleared** may choose to rotate teachers and/or request a system level monitor during the testing period.

“There are many circumstances which occur in the testing environment, which could have resulted in a class being flagged,” said Andrews. “We will do our due diligence in determining the root cause of the discrepancies noted.”

The Muscogee County School District will continue to emphasize the importance of maintaining the integrity of the testing process and improve security of the testing

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environment; continue training principals, test coordinators, and teachers on test security, work specifically with schools, principals, and teachers who are labeled “moderate concern or severe concern” and communicate the severe consequences of violating test security and testing procedures.

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