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## NEWS RELEASE

### Schools Start and End Time Changes

**(Columbus, GA)** – The Muscofee County School District changes school bell times to allow for improved and reliable transportation services and academic performance. The current schedule for school bell times hampers efficient use of the school day for parents, pupils, principals and faculties. Buses are often late during the morning and afternoon runs, including delays in 75% of the middle school afternoon routes. Attempts to improve service under the present schedule have been unsuccessful due to limited driver pool and current bell time schedules.

Moreover, new programs are being added for the 2010-2011 school year. The No Child Left Behind annexes at Jordan and Kendrick and the Student Improvement Services Program at Spencer and Jordan will add transportation demands and aggravate the current situation.

Changing the start and end times of the school day (as shown below) will allow the school district to run a four-tier transportation system. Reorganizing how the District transports students will result in improved customer service with “on time” delivery of students, eliminate “combo” routes, align bell times with current sleep and academic studies regarding student performance, and reduce driver and bus needs.

	<u>New Start Time</u>	<u>New End Time</u>
Elementary School	8:00 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Middle School	9:00 a.m.	4:05 p.m.
High School	8:25 a.m.	3:25 p.m.

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