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Final Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report 10 Additional MCSD Schools Make AYP

(Columbus, GA)-The final results for the Muscogee County School District (MCSD) 2011 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report shows an additional **10** schools made AYP. In a preliminary report released in July, **13** elementary schools, **1** middle school, and **4** high schools out of **55** schools made AYP. In the final report, the numbers increased at all school levels to **17** elementary schools, **6** middle schools, and **5** high schools that made AYP. As a result of the final report, Spencer High School makes AYP for the first time and after making AYP for **2** consecutive years, Baker Middle School is off the Needs Improvement (NI) list.

“The teachers, administrators and staff at Baker Middle School have worked diligently to ensure that student achievement improved and now their hard work has been rewarded,” said Dr. Peggy Connell, Chief of Academics.

Number of Schools Making AYP Preliminary/Final Comparison for 2010-2011

School Level	Number of Schools	Preliminary 2010-2011 Schools Making AYP	Final 2010-2011 Schools Making AYP
Elementary	34	13	17
Middle	12	1	6
High	9	4	5
Total	55	18	28

- 51% of the schools made AYP (13 Title I, 15 Non-Title I)
- 50% of the Elementary Schools made AYP (8 Title I, 9 Non-Title I)
- 50% of the Middle Schools made AYP (3 Title I, 3 Non-Title I)
- 55% of the High Schools made AYP (2 Title I, 3 Non-Title I)

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After retests, the 10 schools that made AYP include: Baker Middle, East Columbus Middle, Gentian Elementary, Marshall Middle, Midland Middle (appeal/miscalculation), Muscogee Elementary, Rigdon Road, Spencer High, Veterans Middle and Wynnton Elementary.

Dr. Susan Andrews, Superintendent, says, “We are pleased several more of our schools made AYP.”

Schools must pass AYP in 5 categories:

- 1) Participation Reading
- 2) Participation Math
- 3) Performance Reading
- 4) Performance Math
- 5) Second Indicator – Either *Attendance* (elementary and middle schools) or *Graduation Rate* (high schools)

All schools in the system passed reading and math participation sections of AYP with **95%** or more students taking the Criterion Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) or graduation test. All middle schools and all elementary schools, except one (Fox Elementary), passed the Second Indicator, which is *Attendance* (no more than **15%** of students absent more than 15 days).

“While we celebrate with the schools making AYP, we will continue to work on improving student achievement in *every* school regardless of the AYP status,” added Andrews.

Five (5) high schools passed the *Second Indicator*, which is *Graduation Rate*. The Muscogee County School District has increased the graduation rate from **82.2%** last year to **84%** in 2011. Seven (7) out of nine (9) high schools passed the *Academic Performance* section.

Principal Reginald Griffin of Spencer High School says, “I’m proud of our team of dedicated and committed teaching professionals, students, staff and administrators that worked hard to achieve the goal of making AYP.”

Spencer High School, Jordan High School and Kendrick High School receive additional funds through a School Improvement Grant (SIG), which requires an extended school day (45 minutes) of instructional time. Spencer and Jordan have received SIG funds for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years, which fund professional development for teachers and the extended instructional time.

“The principals and staffs at Jordan and Spencer were extremely focused and attended extra days of training,” said Chris Cox, School Improvement Grant (SIG) Administrator.

“We’re extremely happy and I would like to personally thank all the students, parents, and our outstanding faculty and administrative staff for their dedication and commitment,” added Griffin.

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This is the first year Kendrick High School has received SIG funds.

Schools that do not make AYP for 2 consecutive years are identified as *Needs Improvement (NI)* schools. If Spencer makes AYP in 2011-2012, the school will be removed from the NI list.

Performance and Safe Harbor

There are **4** ways to make AYP in *Academic Performance*: Absolute Bar, Confidence Interval, Multi-year Averaging, and Safe Harbor.

To make absolute bar, the school or district must have a certain percentage of students who pass the CRCT for elementary and middle schools or the graduation test for high schools. If the percentage is not high enough, the school/district may pass by confidence interval. The confidence interval determines whether or not the observed proficient percentage of a group is significantly less than the Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) for the specified test. The procedure minimizes the chance that a school did not meet AYP because of chance. If the performance is not significantly less than the AMO, taking into account group size, then the group meets AYP in the academic component.

Multi-year averaging is the calculation of the average of test results for the current year and the two previous years. If the 3-year average is equal to or greater than the AMO, then the group makes AYP. If the 3-year average is less than the AMO, then the school must proceed to ***Safe Harbor***.

A group must decrease the percent not meeting proficiency/advanced levels by 10% from the previous year and must meet the Second Indicator requirement in that category to make Safe Harbor. Otherwise, the school must pass the ***Second Indicator*** in the ***All Students*** category only.

There are 7 schools that made AYP with Safe Harbor calculation:

*Georgetown Elementary	Black and Economically Disadvantaged
*Muscogee Elementary	Black and Economically Disadvantaged
*River Road Elementary	Black and Economically Disadvantaged
*Wynnton Elementary	Black and Economically Disadvantaged
*Marshall Middle	Black and Economically Disadvantaged
*Midland Middle	Students with Disabilities
*Veterans Middle	Students with Disabilities

Elementary Schools: 2010-2011 AYP Status

^Made AYP on Final Report

School	Met AYP in 2010-2011	Title I School
Allen	Yes	No
Blanchard	Yes	No
Brewer	No	Yes
Britt David	Yes	No
Clubview	Yes	No
Cusseta Road	No	Yes
Davis	No	Yes
Dawson	No	Yes
Dimon	Yes	Yes
Double Churches	Yes	No
Downtown	No	Yes
Eagle Ridge	Yes	No
Edgewood	Yes	Yes
Forrest Road	No	Yes
Fox	No	Yes
Gentian[^]	Yes	No
Georgetown	Yes	Yes
Hannan	No	Yes
Johnson	Yes	Yes
Key	No	Yes
Lonnie Jackson	No	Yes
Martin Luther King, Jr.	No	Yes
Mathews	Yes	No
Midland Academy	No	No
Muscogee[^]	Yes	Yes
North Columbus	No	No
Reese Road	No	No
Rigdon Road[^]	Yes	Yes
River Road	Yes	No
South Columbus	No	Yes
St. Marys	No	Yes

Elementary Schools: 2010-2011 AYP Status Continued**^Made AYP on Final Report**

Waddell	Yes	Yes
Wesley Heights	No	Yes
Wynnton^	Yes	Yes

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Middle Schools: 2010-2011 AYP Status

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School	Met AYP in 2010-2011	Title I School
Arnold	No	No
Baker [^]	Yes	Yes
Blackmon Road	Yes	No
Double Churches	No	No
East Columbus [^]	Yes	Yes
Eddy	No	Yes
Fort	No	Yes
Marshall [^]	Yes	Yes
Midland [^]	Yes	No
Richards	No	No
Rothschild	No	Yes
Veterans Memorial [^]	Yes	No

High Schools: 2010-2011 AYP Status

^Made AYP on Final Report

School	Met AYP in 2010-2011	Title I School
Carver	No	Yes
Columbus	Yes	No
Early College Academy	Yes	Yes
Hardaway	Yes	No
Jordan	No	Yes
Kendrick	No	Yes
Northside	Yes	No
Shaw	No	No
Spencer [^]	Yes	Yes

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2010-2011 Distinguished Schools List

Title I Distinguished Schools

School	Met AYP in 2010-2011	Years Distinguished
Dimon Elementary	10	8
Early College Academy*	5	3
East Columbus Middle	4	2
Edgewood Elementary	10	8
Johnson Elementary	9	7
Marshall Middle	3	1
Rigdon Road Elementary	10	8
Waddell Elementary	9	7
Wynnton Elementary	7	5

*Title I-Targeted Assistance Program

Non-Title I Distinguished Schools

School	Met AYP in 2010-2011	Years Distinguished
Allen Elementary	9	7
Blackmon Road Middle	7	5
Blanchard Elementary	7	5
Britt David Elementary	9	7
Clubview Elementary	9	7
Double Churches Elementary	9	7
Eagle Ridge Elementary	4	2
Gentian Elementary	9	7
Hardaway High	5	3
Mathews Elementary	9	7
Midland Middle	6	4
Northside High	7	5
Veterans Memorial Middle	4	2

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Needs Improvement (NI) Schools

School	Title I
Brewer Elementary	Yes
Carver High	Yes
Cusseta Road Elementary	Yes
Dawson Elementary	Yes
Double Churches Middle	No
Eddy Middle	Yes
Fort Middle	Yes
Fox Elementary	Yes
Jordan High	Yes
Kendrick High	Yes
Shaw High	No
Spencer High	Yes

Schools not making AYP for 2 consecutive years are identified as Needs Improvement schools.

Needs Improvement Schools Title I and Non-Title I:

10 Title I
2 Non-Title I

This is the final determination of the AYP report. For more information on the complete AYP report, access the Georgia Department of Education: <http://public.doe.k12.ga.us>, or contact communications@muscogee.k12.ga.us.