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Remembering Chris Cox

Double Churches Middle School Principal

(Columbus, GA)-It is with deep sadness that we report the loss of our Double Churches Middle School principal, Chris Cox. He passed away at the Columbus Regional Medical Center Wednesday night.

"It's an emotional day for students and staff of Double Churches Middle School, and all who loved him," said assistant principal, Dawn Harper. "Mr. Cox touched the hearts and lives of many people across the district. His dedication, commitment, and contribution to children, education, faculty and staff will never be forgotten."

Teachers, students, and staff reflected on memories of Cox during a moment of silence after students settled in their homerooms Thursday morning. The Muscogee County School District Crisis Team of professional counselors, social workers, psychologists and administrators are onsite to support teachers, students, and staff while they cope with the loss of their leader.

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Cox has been employed with the Muscogee County School District since August 1981. He served as a teacher at Rothschild Middle School from 1981 to 2002, teacher at Double Churches Middle from 2002 to 2003, Assistant Principal at Rothschild Middle School from 2003 to 2004, Principal at Rothschild Middle School from 2004 to 2010, School Improvement Grant (SIG) Administrator in the Department of Academics from 2010 to June 2012, and Principal at Double Churches Middle School from July 2012 to present. Mr. Cox received a special invitation to participate in a yearlong leadership experience from the Muscogee County School District Leadership Academy during the 2002-2003 school year.

Students were scheduled to take the math portion of the Criterion Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) today. The Georgia Department of Education has granted a waiver for students at Double Churches Middle School, which allows the test to be postponed until Monday.

Arrangements for Mr. Cox have not been made public or finalized at this time.

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