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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Preparations Underway to Complete the Relocation of the GNETS Program**

(Columbus, GA)-Preparations are underway for the relocation of the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) Program from the Woodall Center, 4312 Harrison Avenue, to J.D. Davis Elementary, 1822 Shepherd Drive. The new relocation site was approved at a called Board meeting Monday, August 1, 2016. The GNETS Program for Muscogee County is one of nine sites recommended for relocation by the Georgia Department of Education.

“We are in the process of moving furniture, installing technology, and placing any necessary orders to ensure the dedicated administrators, teachers and staff are ready to welcome and serve students on the first day of school,” said Chief of Operations and Facilities, David Goldberg.

The Muscogee County School District received official notification from the State Department of Education in July to relocate the program. J.D. Davis Elementary is a more modern facility with space to house the program, to meet the needs of students and to meet state-recommended facility requirements.

The J.D. Davis site was selected after reviewing several active lists of school sites to house the GNETS Program. Considerations for relocation include:

- \*School and classrooms that are currently on the State Department of Education Five Year Plan.
- \*An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant facility.
- \*Available space to create a “wing” at the relocation site.
- \*Close access to the cafeteria.
- \*Ample parking.

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- \*Bus access to the area (wing) of the school desired.
- \*An area to transfer playground from the Woodall Center.
- \*Restrooms that can be dedicated to Woodall GNETS students.
- \*Ability to fence an appropriate area for security.
- \*Ability to easily reassign J.D. Davis classrooms to accommodate assignment of GNET classrooms.

There are no changes to the services provided through the GNETS program and no changes to bus schedules or pick-up/drop-off points.

“We are committed to ensuring that all students receive a high-quality education in the best and least restrictive learning environment possible,” said David Lewis, Superintendent.

Students in the GNETS program will report for the first day of school at the J.D. Davis relocation site effective Monday, August 8.

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