

Greetings and Happy New Year! One of my goals as BOE representative for Ward 3 is to keep residents up-to-date with the latest initiatives and results. Please review the highlights of the Marietta City Schools 2008-2009 test data, along with 2009 BOE accomplishments. You can also visit my website, RandyWeiner.com or the Marietta City Schools website, Marietta-City.org for more information. Any comments or feedback would be helpful and enable me to do a better job of representing you. Thank you and have a wonderful and prosperous new year!

Marietta City Schools and Board of Education Ward 3 Update #4—December 2009

- **Academic Performance** —
 - ~ Reading CRCT performance increased in all grades with the exception of 2nd grade, down one point to 93%.
 - ~ Math CRCT performance increased in all grades with the exception of 1st grade, down one point to 85%.
 - ~ MHS ranked among the Metro Atlanta schools with the lowest percentage of college students (5%) needed remedial classes. Only two other schools fared better (Lassiter in Cobb and McIntosh in Fayette)
 - ~ All grade levels showed an increase of students exceeding 2009 Reading and Math CRCT standards over 2008 scores.
 - ~ MHS Surpass Cobb and State on 2009 Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSGT). More than 90% of Marietta's students reached advanced performance levels in English/Lang. Arts (95%), Mathematics (98%), and Social Studies (92%). Marietta netted a 90% pass rate on the Science test.
 - ~ MHS has been named in Newsweek 2009 Top Performing High Schools once again (4th consecutive year). MHS now ranks in the top 4% of high schools across the nation.
 - ~ MHS exceeded the nation on SAT (1514) and ACT (21.7).
 - ~ MMS 8th grade writing results exceeded state by 2 points
 - ~ 5th grade writing results exceeded state by 6 points and metro by 2 points.
 - ~ MSGA has met AYP standards for 2009 and performed higher in all subjects on the 2009 CRCT- dramatic increases were achieved in Eng/Lang. Arts, Math and Science.
 - ~ All Marietta City Schools made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2009 (second time in 4 years).
- **Discipline Code** — Implemented the tracking of discipline infractions for repeat offenders for the first time, while imposing a more strict discipline code with harsher punishments. Punishments for second offenses were increased, and many third offenses were eliminated.
 - ~ Closed Crossroads at Woods Wilkins
 - * Opened two additional alternative learning environments through Ombudsman Learning Services
 - * Moved the Performance Learning Center (PLC) to the newly renovated Woods Wilkins Facility
- **Summer School** —
 - ~ Revamped summer school for only grades 3, 5 and 8
 - ~ Implemented Maymester in elementary schools (preview of next year's curriculum)
 - ~ Implemented Springmester in MSGA and MMS (intensive remedial review for students in need)
- **Budget** —
 - ~ Difficult budget year, but able to pass balanced budget, despite austerity cut of \$3 million (for FY09-10)- partially offset by \$1.8MM in stabilization funds (RIF).
- **Charter System** — School Government Teams (SGT's) formed and trained
 - ~ Benefits being realized-
 - * Seat time at MHS for advisement
 - * Did away with early release days – reduce days of school to 178, but gained ½ day of instructional time
 - * Secured Middle School funding for MSGA and MMS even though some State requirements were not met
- **Construction and Renovation** —
 - ~ Hickory Hills \$5 million construction and renovation complete
 - ~ Marietta Sixth Grade Academy (MSGA) Renovation- Phase 1 complete
 - ~ MSGA Final Phase to be completed summer 2010
- **Strategic Plan** —
 - ~ Completed work on updated Strategic Plan for next three years