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Congratulations!

Congratulations to the entire Auxiliary Services team on the successful bond referendum! The community has approved the funding for this next phase of WCPSS's continuing construction and renovation program. And thank you...

- Thanks to all of you who spent so many hours over the past 1-1/2 years creating CIP 2006 and helping the Board of Education and Board of Commissioners work through it;
- Thanks to all of you who patiently and thoughtfully responded to hundreds of questions -- and to the various bloggers;
- Thanks to all of you who gave up evenings and early mornings to give CIP 2006 presentations;
- Thanks to all of you who worked to get out the vote by displaying signs and talking with friends and neighbors;
- Thanks to all who supported behind the scenes;
- And particular thanks to Chuck Dulaney and Mike Burriss for your outstanding leadership.

Now we must all celebrate briefly and then move ahead with the daunting task of executing a \$1 billion program...and with planning for the next phase of our capital improvement program!

I am proud to be working with this truly outstanding team of professionals. Congratulations and thank you for a job well done!

Donald M. Haydon, Jr.
Chief Facilities and Operations Officer

AUXILIARY SERVICES DIVISION

Vision

Providing Services That Power Education

Mission Statement

Provide quality facilities and support services to ensure safe, healthy, inviting and optimal learning environments.

Goals

- 1.) Recruit, develop and retain a qualified and high quality workforce.
- 2.) Provide and maintain quality facilities and support services that result in a safe and healthy learning environment.
- 3.) Effectively communicate successes, challenges and needs.

Improvements in Staff, Student and Parent Outcomes

The Wake County Public School System released the findings of a 2005-06 grant-funded research project that examined the impact of large-scale renovations of school buildings on student achievement, attendance, and suspension rates, as well as the impact on teacher and parent outcomes. The study found: *There is sufficient evidence to suggest that renovations contribute to improvements in staff, student and parent outcomes.*

WCPSS, in conjunction with the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI), compared two-year pre-renovation trends to two-year post-renovation trends at 18 of the Wake schools that had undergone a major renovation beginning with or following the summer of 1997 and completed no later than the summer of 2003.

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The study involved collecting and analyzing data from End-of-Grade and End-of-Course exams, SAT scores, average daily attendance, out-of-school suspensions, and parent satisfaction surveys. Findings also reflect interviews with school staff.

Looking at the 18 schools, the study found:

- Increases in scores on reading and math End-of-Grade exams
- Increases in scores on nine of 10 End-of-Course exams
- Increases in combined SAT scores at five of the six high schools
- Increases in parent satisfaction with school facilities
- Increased average daily attendance at middle and high schools

CEFPI; Rebecca Zulli, Ph.D., Director of Research and Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Christina Lighthall, REFP, Senior Director, Long-Range Planning, WCPSS; and William Carruthers, Ph.D., Senior Director, Grants Administration & Compliance Reporting, WCPSS contributed to the report.

Read the executive summary at www.wcpss.net/bond.

Test-takers Score 73% on *Fact or Fiction* Round Two

More than 5,400 people took round two of *Fact or Fiction – The Straight Story* between Oct. 20 and Nov. 6. Of the 37,669 answers given, almost 73 percent were correct. Quiz-takers scored approximately 65 percent on round one, which ran from Oct. 2-17.

Fact or Fiction tests one's knowledge of issues surrounding the Blueprint for Excellence 2006 building program. There is a lot of misinformation circulating in the community, and this quiz allows WCPSS the opportunity to set the record straight and ensure people have the facts.

84 percent of test-takers correctly said that bonds are the most cost effective way to borrow money for new schools and renovations.

Half of test-takers incorrectly thought that families with children on both year-round and traditional calendars would only have 20 common vacation days distributed throughout the year. Actually, the four year-round tracks have a range of 28 to 43 days off in common with the traditional calendar, not including weekends. Track 1 has 35; track 2, 28; track 3, 38; and track 4, 43.

Here are the 23 questions from round two, the correct answer and the percent of test-takers who got the answer right.

1. Multi-story schools are less expensive than single-story schools. (False: 52%)
2. WCPSS re-uses school building designs. (True: 86%)
3. Renovation projects in the bond don't provide additional classroom seats. (False: 72%)
4. All new schools built in this plan will open on the year-round calendar. (False: 55%)
5. Opening elementary and middle schools on the year-round calendar reduces the cost of the overall building program. (True: 69%)
6. The school board refuses to accept land from developers. (False: 74%)
7. There is no year-round conversion plan in place: no transportation, no facilities, nothing has been discussed. (False: 87%)
8. Part of the acreage needed for new schools is due to environmental regulations and local ordinances. (True: 87%)
9. Just adding mobile units will not take care of the crowding issue. (True: 88%)
10. WCPSS doesn't have long-range plans. (False: 84%)
11. WCPSS students outperform others in the state or nation. (True: 81%)
12. Growth doesn't pay for itself in Wake County. (True: 76%)
13. Bonds are the most cost effective way to borrow money for new schools and renovations. (True: 84%)
14. WCPSS has had multi-track year-round schools since 1991. (True: 91%)
15. The only reason that other school districts have returned to the traditional calendar from the year-round schedule is because they couldn't make it work. (False: 60%)
16. Breaking Wake County into six smaller districts would reduce the size of administrative staff and be more responsive to parents. (False: 63%)
17. WCPSS made improvements after detecting the transportation fraud. (True: 86%)

18. Most WCPSS elementary and middle schools will operate on the year-round calendar in 2007-08. (False: 57%)
19. Charter schools in Wake County enroll students from other counties. (True: 55%)
20. Wake County charter schools could enroll enough students to reduce the number of new schools to be constructed. (False: 69%)
21. Existing charter schools in Wake County could petition to serve more students. (True: 70%)
22. Families with children on both year-round and traditional calendars will only have 20 common vacation days distributed throughout the year. (False: 50%)
23. The school board has not made any accommodations for families related to the year-round calendar. (False: 78%)

For the full answers to both rounds of *Fact or Fiction*, as well as additional information on the building program, please visit the Blueprint for Excellence 2006 resource center at www.wcpss.net/bond.

Reminder

The last day to enroll in Flex Benefits is Nov. 17!

Broughton High Renovation Wins Sir Walter Raleigh Award

The Raleigh City Council awarded Broughton High School's addition and renovation project a Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Community Appearance. The award recognizes an institutional project that exhibits a new standard for excellence and an example of the future, an awareness of the importance of good community appearance and stewardship of the land, and improvements upon an existing site or structure and preservation of important historic and cultural features.

Broughton underwent a complete renovation of all the older parts of the campus – more than 150,000 square feet total. Renovation of the original 1929 building required special care to repair the exterior walls without sacrificing the historic features of the building. The job proceeded in several phases, with students being moved into temporary classrooms on the site. The project team included: WCPSS Facility Planner Larry Sherrill, WCPSS Construction Supervisor William Hartley, Principal Roy Teel, architect Cherry Huffman, and general contractor J.M. Thompson.

William Henley Dietrick, a well-known N.C. architect from the 1920s to the 1960s, designed the original building. He won the right to design the school in a design competition.

Holly Springs High Design Wins EDGE Award

The new Holly Springs High School was awarded the EDGE award for Best Project in Suburban/Rural Environment by the Triangle Business Journal. DeVere Construction Company won the honor in the general contracting category.

The Triangle Business Journal developed the EDGE awards program in 2004 to recognize excellence in engineering, architectural design, general contracting and landscape contracting industries. Nominations were required to detail how projects enhanced its surroundings, minimized potential negative effects on the environment, used innovative project management tools and generated positive return on investment for owner.

The new three-story high school was built for 1,663 students and is a partnership between the school system, the Town of Holly Springs and Wake County. Holly Springs High is built from a re-used (prototype) design, also seen at Green Hope, Wakefield and Middle Creek high schools.

The project team included: WCPSS Project Manager Norm Kligerman, WCPSS Facility Planner Harold Hinson, Principal Luther Johnson, Jr., architect Cherry Huffman, general contractor DeVere Construction.

Facilities Masters Award

At its Nov. 7 meeting, the Board of Education recognized Maintenance and Operations for achieving the Facilities Masters Award. WCPSS received the Association of School Business Officials International's (ASBO) Facilities Masters Award for excellence in the preparation and issuance of the fiscal year 2005-06 school system facilities operations plan. The Facilities Masters Award Program was designed by ASBO International to recognize school districts for achievement in high standards of school facility best practices. The award, the highest recognition for school district facility operations offered by ASBO, is only conferred to school systems that have met or exceeded the standards of the program.

America Recycles Day: Nov. 15

Christina Larkins, Resource Management Administrator, Organizational Development

America Recycles Day is Nov. 15. With the involvement and enthusiasm of people like you, recycling is back! So are thousands upon thousands of recycled products made from materials that would otherwise be piling up in our nation's landfills. It doesn't just make sense. It makes a huge difference to our environment, our quality of life, and our country's future. The goal of America Recycles Day is to encourage Americans to recycle and to buy recycled products.

Americans generate more than 230 million tons of solid waste each year – nearly 4.5 pounds of trash per person every day. The good news is that we also prevent the generation of 55 million tons each year, and much of what we do generate no longer ends up in landfills. The more we recycle, the less garbage winds up in our landfills and incineration plants. By reusing aluminum, paper, glass, plastics, and other materials, we can save production and energy costs, and reduce the negative impacts that the extraction and processing of raw materials has on the environment.

Almost everything can be recycled. As stewards of the environment, we are responsible for preserving and protecting our resources for ourselves and for future generations. Our attitude and actions can make a world of difference. Let's each do our part because almost everything can be recycled, except the planet.

Source: <http://www.americarecyclesday.org>

Lufkin Road Middle Completes IAQ Training

Mindy Hauptman, Resource Management Educator, Organizational Development

Lufkin Road Middle School was the first of five pilot schools to complete their two-part training session on Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) issues. On Oct. 23, 2006, Lufkin's IAQ Team participated in the second part of their training by conducting a walk through of their school with members of WCPSS Environmental Health and Safety, Organizational Development, and Energy and Physical Plant, along with members of the state Department of Health and Human Services and Wake County Environmental Services.

As a group, the IAQ Team and other professionals walked through the school allowing the team to point out areas of particular concern already identified within their school as well as help to identify new potential issues which may be affecting IAQ. The IAQ Team saw and heard how their HVAC unit works and how to become aware of any problems with the systems operation. They also toured other areas of the school including classrooms and the gymnasium.

By allowing the teams to walk through their own school with trained professionals in school inspections and HVAC units, the Lufkin Road IAQ Team got a better feel for what is happening within their own school and how they can help address some of these IAQ issues to make their building a more comfortable and safe place. Now that they have all the necessary training in place they can begin to inspect and patrol their school and confidently report any IAQ issues they might uncover.

Other pilot schools are undergoing IAQ training. Lacy Elementary will finish training on Nov. 21, and Wilburn Elementary on Nov. 29.

Briget Horton Retires

Briget Horton, furniture/equipment specialist, retired Oct. 31 after 12 and a half years with the school system.

"Working with Wake County schools has been a challenging experience and I am proud to have been a part of such a wonderful organization," she said.

Horton is excited about retirement and plans to clean her house, travel as much as possible, take golf and watercolor lessons, and enjoy the free time.

Mark Your Calendar

Veterans Day

Nov. 10, 2006

Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 23 and 24, 2006

Winter Break

Dec. 25 and 26, 2006

Jan. 1, 2007

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 15, 2007

Training Schedule

Computers/Technical/American Red Cross

OSHA Hand & Power Tools

Nov. 9

8 a.m. – 12 noon

Refrigeration Shop

SRN: 269001501

Five-day Backflow Prevention

Certification

Nov. 13-17

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

City of Raleigh

Oracle Updates

(Central Based Secretaries)

Nov. 9

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Crossroads

SRN: 26151502

New Employee Orientation

Nov. 21

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Custodial staff)

8 a.m. – 12 noon (For all other staff)

Crucial Confrontations

Nov. 9 (day two)

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Crossroads

SRN: 268500502

2006 Mechanical Code

For HVAC CEUs (License renewal)

Nov. 10

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

NCSU McKimmon Center

SRN: 269023201

MAXIMO

MAXIMO Two-Day Session

(For M&O employees only)

Nov. 14-15

Starts at 8:30 a.m.

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

SRN: 269021703

MAXIMO Everywhere Training

(For school-based employees)

Dec. 6

10 – 11 a.m.

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

Course #: AS90063

MAXIMO Everywhere Training

(For school-based employees)

Jan. 10

10 – 11 a.m.

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

Course #: AS90063

MAXIMO Two-Day Session

(For M&O employees only)

Jan. 16-17

Starts at 8:30 a.m.

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

SRN: 269021704

MAXIMO Two-Day Sessions include:

- ½ day of Basic MAXIMO
- ½ day of MAXIMO Equipment
- Full day of MAXIMO Mobile Work Manager

Please contact Beth Williams (bwilliams2@wcpss.net or 856-8018) to register for the new employee orientation. To register for all other classes, go to <https://ero3.eschoolsolutions.com/user/login.taf?orgID=42358&userID=&PIN=&function>. Enter your user ID=SS# and Pin=last four digits of your SS#. If you have questions about MAXIMO training, please contact Petra Harris, MAXIMO System Administrator, at 856-8128 or pharris2@wcpss.net. For questions about all other classes, please contact Beth Williams.

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