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Effects of New Georgia Performance Standards Seen in Criterion-Referenced Competency Test Preliminary Results

For the past three years, the state of Georgia has committed to the implementation of a new, more rigorous curriculum—the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS). These new standards set higher expectations for student performance and better prepare them for success in high school and beyond.

This year for the first time, the Mathematics and Social Studies Tests for Fifth and Eighth Grade students were designed to test these new standards. Preliminary results have arrived and, while Columbia County students continue to perform significantly above the state average, this more challenging curriculum has resulted in a greater number of students not meeting standards in the area of mathematics. State law requires that such students participate in a re-test and pass to be promoted to the next grade. Accordingly, students are strongly encouraged to participate in our CRCT summer remediation program prior to retaking the test in June.

Parents of students that have not met standards will be notified of their child's results this week and provided all information needed to plan for participation in the CRCT summer school and retest. All other scores will be provided to families in August 2008.

Parents with questions or concerns related to CRCT results should contact their child's school. We are committed to helping all our students achieve success and will continue to strive for academic excellence in every area.

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