



CHARLESTON COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
www.ccsdschools.com

Nancy J. McGinley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Mary Girault
Communications Officer

Office of Communications

75 Calhoun Street
Charleston, SC 29401
Phone: (843) 937-6303
Fax: (843) 937-6307

July 24, 2007
For Immediate Release

For More Information:
Mary Girault, 937-6303

Board Unanimously Approves Healthier Beverage Choices for Students

McGinley Says Only 72 Teacher Vacancies Left to Fill

Charleston, SC—In tonight's School Board meeting, the Board approved a new contract with Pepsi Bottling Group based on the District's School Health Advisory committee recommendations. As such, the following healthier choices will be available to students:

Elementary Schools—Bottled water and up to 8 ounce servings of milk and 100% juice. 100% juice with no added sweeteners and with at least 10% of the recommended daily value for three or more vitamins and minerals.

Middle Schools—Same as elementary school, except juice and milk may be sold in 10 ounce servings. If middle school and high school students have a shared access to areas on a common campus on in common buildings, then the school community has the option to adopt the high school standard.

High School—Bottled water. No or low—calorie beverages with up to 10 calories/8 ounces. High Schools are the only area allowed carbonated beverages but they must be 10 calories or less. This would include Diet sodas, Green and White teas. At least 50% of the non-milk beverages must be water and no or low-calorie options.

Superintendent Dr. Nancy McGinley announced that as of last Thursday, the District had only 72 open teaching positions left to fill. McGinley expressed confidence in meeting the goal of starting the school year with no more than 50 vacancies, or 2% of the total CCSD teacher population. Last year, the District began school with 90 teacher vacancies; 120 the previous year.

Regarding the 3 new mobile classroom units at St. Andrews School of Math and Science, McGinley pledged to work with the City of Charleston to develop a solution for St. Andrews that would meet the needs of students as

well as be respectful to the homeowners in the area. She indicated that 2 mobile units would be removed and a less obtrusive location would be found for the remaining mobile unit.

McGinley told the Board that she would bring a recommendation to the Board regarding the Charter School of Math and Science application at the next meeting on August 13th.

In other action items, the Board approved Sheryl Biss as the new principal of Schroder Middle School. The Board also agreed to allow the Red Top Community to use CCSD property as a community park, approved the use of CCSD facilities for several community groups, and publicly thanked Americorps volunteers.

The full meeting minutes will be available on www.ccsdschools.com on August 14th.

###