

MISSION STATEMENT of FLORENCE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE:

The mission of Florence School District One is to prepare students to become productive, responsible citizens and life-long learners who are able to succeed in an ever-changing society.

Pee Dee Area Superintendents Express Concern Over Governor's View on Stimulus Funds



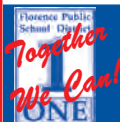
Superintendent Larry Jackson (center) is flanked by Florence 3 Superintendent Beth Wright (left) and Florence 2 Superintendent Robert Sullivan at the Friday morning press conference where Pee Dee Superintendents expressed concern over the Governor's views of the stimulus funds.

Citing the impact that rejection of the stimulus money would have on the entire state, local superintendents voiced their sentiments as they relate to budgetary concerns for education on the local level in a press conference today.

On Thursday, Superintendent Jim Rex indicated that based on preliminary projects the state would lose over 5, 200 jobs including 2,700 teaching positions. Local area superintendents say that budgets have already absorbed cuts totaling millions of dollars this year.

“Rejection of the stimulus money will result in base student costs that will reflect figures that we last saw in 1999, ten years ago,” said Florence School District One Superintendent Larry Jackson. “Our school districts will lose a number of programs and services, and faculty and staff could be eliminated,” he added.

School superintendents say they plan not to speculate on specific programs that would be eliminated at this point; however, they indicated that they are unified in noting that educational services in the Pee Dee will be strongly impacted by rejection of the funding. □



THE SCHOOL FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$5,000 DONATION FROM MONSTER WORLDWIDE



The School Foundation recently received a \$5,000 donation from Monster Worldwide, Inc., the parent company of Monster, the premier global online employment solution. The funds will be used to enrich LEAP (Florence School District One's Language Enrichment Acceleration Program), a pilot program founded in 2005, which originally supported intensive reading programs for all first graders in three district elementary schools. Because of its success, *all elementary schools* in the district have implemented the program. LEAP is the first grant given by The School Foundation. *(Photo above, left to right: Superintendent Larry Jackson, School Foundation Executive Director Debbie Hylar, and Monster's Director of Customer Service, Vic Burgess.)*

The School Foundation is Accepting Applications for 2009-2010 Grants

The School Foundation is accepting applications from Florence School District One educators for the 2009-2010 grant cycle, awarding Major grants and Mini grants. Applications are available on the Foundation's website, www.theschoolfoundation.org, and the district's website, www.fsd1.org. Completed applications for Major grants should be received in the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction's Office at 319 South Dargan Street, Florence, SC. Mini-grant applications should be received at the Office of The School Foundation, 320 West Cheves Street, Suite 175, Florence, SC. All grants must be received on or before 4:00 p.m on April 24, 2009. **Read the entire press release in today's attachment.**

The **Wilson High APTS** is selling \$5.00 raffle tickets for 20 sky box seats at the Florence Phantoms football game on Saturday, April 4. This package is worth \$1,000.00. Contact Fanika George at 496-9797 for more information.



FSD1 People in the Spotlight

Congratulations to:

Kaiya Bacote-Moore of **Dewey L. Carter Elementary** and **Andrew Dempewolf** of **Southside Middle School**, District Winners in the State Superintendent's Writing Awards Program.

They have the opportunity to participate in a program honoring them as State Superintendent's Writing Award winners, highlighted with a statewide recognition ceremony in May in Columbia, to which the winners and their family are invited. District winners will also be invited to a State Superintendent's Writing Workshop in June in Columbia. Their essays will be published in an anthology with other winning essays from across the state.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

The annual **Service Awards Banquet**, recognizing 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45 years of Service, will be held **April 21, 2009**, at Francis Marion University. Honorees should RSVP to Joanne Revell at JRevell@fsd1.org.

(Please contact Jerry Nelson in Personnel if you believe that you should be recognized for service. Check with your building supervisor first.)

Honors and Awards Banquet, recognizing teachers of the year, as well as state and national award winners, is scheduled for **May 5, 2009**, also at Francis Marion University.

(Please let us know if you have received a state or national award.)

E-mail JRevell@fsd1.org.

Spring Break -

Friday, April 10 - Friday, April 17



**School Bus Driver Appreciation Week
is May 4-May 8**