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TO: Lee County School District Parents/Guardians

FROM: James Evans, Jr., Lee County School Superintendent

SUBJECT: AdvancEd District Accreditation Visit

DATE: October 12, 2010

“The Lee County School District in partnership with students, parents, and the community, shall assure an excellent education for each and every child.” That is our mission. Increasing student achievement is our vision. To achieve these, we must continually self assess to determine our strengths as well as areas for improvement and make certain we are meeting high standards. With this in mind, the district is now participating in district accreditation through AdvancEd and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The first part of the district accreditation process involves an internal self-assessment. Seven committees, made up of district and school staff, have conducted a self-evaluation of the district based on a set of seven research-based quality standards. Findings from this self-evaluation were developed into a Quality Assurance Report (QAR) which has been submitted to AdvancEd.

The next step in the district accreditation process will involve an external review by a Quality Assurance Review Team. This team will be made up of five individuals outside the school district who have been selected by AdvancEd. The Quality Assurance Review Team will conduct their review beginning October 18th and concluding October 20th at which time they will report their findings in a special board meeting. This process will involve an overview of the seven standards; instructional walkthroughs at each school; classroom observations; and interviews with students, teachers, support staff, parents, community stakeholders, administrators, and board members.

AdvancEd insists on a relentless pursuit of excellence – for itself and for the institutions it accredits. Our school district chose to participate in this accreditation process because accreditation matters and our students deserve the highest level of educational excellence possible.