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School Supply List

With teachers already returning to school for the 2010 fall term, students will begin classes on Wednesday, Aug. 11. Listed below are school supply lists for each school with the exception of Berrien High School and Berrien Academy. School supply lists are also available on line at www.berrien.k12.ga.us

- 1 70 pg. composition book
- 2 pocket folders w/o brads
- 1 liquid glue
- 1 box gallon zip freezer bags
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer
- 1 gym bag (not book bag)

BERRIEN ELEMENTARY THIRD GRADE

- 3-ring binder
- tab dividers for binder
- crayons
- 3 glue sticks
- scissors
- notebook paper
- pencils
- markers
- hand sanitizer
- tissues

FOURTH GRADE

- 3-ring binder w/1" ring size
- tab dividers for binder
- 2 pks. wide-ruled notebook paper
- pencils
- cap erasers
- colored pencils, markers OR crayons
- 2 pks. glue sticks
- 1 pair scissors
- tissues
- hand sanitizer

FIFTH GRADE

- 3-ring binder/notebook, 3" ring size
- notebook paper
- tab dividers for binder
- pencils
- cap erasers
- small pencil sharpener w/ shavings holder
- 3 pks. 3x5 or 4x6 lined index cards
- tissues
- hand sanitizer

BERRIEN MIDDLE SIXTH GRADE

- notebook paper
- pencils

- blue or black ink pens
- 1 pk. colored pencils
- 2 2" 3-ring binders
- 2 composition books, 9 3/4"x 7 1/2," not spiral
- 5 manila file folders, letter size
- 2 pks. subject dividers
- glue stick
- 2 highlighters
- Homeroom teacher:
- 1 box tissues
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer
- 1 pk. notebook paper and pencils for future use

SEVENTH GRADE

- notebook paper
- pencils
- blue or black ink pens
- 1 pk colored pencils
- 1 pk markers
- 1 3"x3" ring binder
- 1 3-prong pocket folder
- 5 manila file folders letter size
- 2 pks. subject dividers
- Homeroom teacher:
- 1 box tissues
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer

EIGHTH GRADE

- notebook paper, wide-ruled
- pencils
- blue or black ink pens
- 1 pk. colored pencils and/or markers
- one 1-1/2" 3-ring binder
- 11 3-prong pocket folders
- 5 manila file folders, letter size
- glue stick
- 1 inexpensive set earphones for for with laptops
- Homeroom teacher:
- 1 box tissues
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer
- 1 box band-aids



BOE MEMBERS DISCUSS STUDENT HANDBOOK REVISIONS
During their July 20 meeting, Mark Davis, Jody Cabe, and Joe Sizemore, members of the Berrien County Board of Education, discuss portions of the Student Handbook that deal with bullying, weapons on campus, cell phone use, and in-school suspension policies.

Board Amends School Bullying/Safety Policies

At the July 20 meeting of the Berrien County Board of Education, revisions to the Student Handbook 2010-11, as proposed by Monty Cowart, were approved unanimously as follows:

Pg 18: In-School Suspension (ISS) - added Reflection Package related to the student's offense - questions asked to engage them in thinking about what it is they have done wrong.

Pg 24-25: Bullying as a definition amended and additions made to the definition. Bullying is an act that occurs on school property, etc. and use of data on electronic school system. Covers busses, property, activities such as football games, etc.

Pg 25: Under Cell Phone Policy - added a step under section B. Possible referral to tribunal, according to the infraction of the use; also added three days Out of School Suspension (OSS) to five days OSS to 10 days OSS. The five-days step was added.

Pg 40: Gun and weapons not allowed in school safety zone. The definition of school safety zone has changed. Used to be a 1,000 ft. buffer as the distances of the school safety zone. The school safety zone is not the property itself no longer has the 1,000 ft buffer.

SB299: If someone brings a knife to school and forgot that he had brought it and turns it into the office, then the administration does not have to involve law enforcement in the case of accidentally bringing the weapon to school. If it is determined that the weapon was brought to school with the purposes of harming

someone, then law enforcement must be involved.

Note: It is still against the rules to bring a weapon to school and it is not the intent of the board to not publicize this change in policy as to not encourage students to look for loopholes in the no-weapons policy.

A motion was unanimously approved to revise land lines 11, 17 and 23 and that line 23 be tied onto existing fence on the property; also, financial report by Ms. Wiley approved. June SPLOST approximately \$115,000.

Curriculum report by Ms. Drawdy showed that reports out on AYP are initial reports; none of the re-testing scores from CRCT or graduation tests are in calculations. At this time BPS and BES have met AYP. At BMS one sub-group in one academic area has not quite made AYP, but Ms. Drawdy feels confident that they will when the above reports are finalized.

Based on initial report, BHS has made requirements for AYP. This is not the final report and scores may change as other test scores are added into the final number. Expect scores to be released and finalized in early fall.

After the personnel report by Ms. Moffett, the board unanimously approved resignations of Susan Griner and Cynthia Ubanks; released Ray Dennison as BHS band director; replaced Shirley Boyett with Ashton Gibbs; following Certified Individual Employment, Lindsay Hendley will replace Susan Griner; math teacher replaced; Sharon Dodd named in a new position as part-

time induction coach, funded by Department of Education.

According to the maintenance report by Mr. Edwards, floor repair at BPS is in progress and about to be completed; water cooler heights have been lowered so that they are accessible by students in a safer manner. He stated that bathroom doors with wrap-around would be more ascetic and safer at the cost of \$50 each.

Adoption of 2010-11 Budget: Ms. Wiley said that final allotment sheets have been received. Allotment has gone down and the budget has been adjusted down respectively; brought down to 98% of the collection rate; equalization has gone up. The current allotment sheet shows the final numbers until mid-term. Board was informed that they can expect a 5% cut at mid-term.

Expenditures: added one para-pro slot to BPS; added \$3,500 to extra-curricular account; added overtime for school bus mechanics in case they have to drive a bus.

Midterm cuts that may occur include sending a high school teacher out to Charter Academy for one block a day. Due to this, the board had to move some of the high school teachers' salaries to charge to the Charter Academy. These were the only changes to the budget. Motion approved unanimously for the above changes.

The Career Academy idea was presented to the Board by Paula Railey. In investigating this, Matt Jenson presented information that a Career Academy is a way to expand offering students elective and dual enrollment at the Charter Academy. A \$9 million grant is available for the grant program under Career Academy form with state funds to start one of these schools.

Matt presented information on how Berrien County could move toward starting a Career Academy in our district. He believes that it is a realistic endeavor to create a Career Academy in the BOE district and stated that partnership with technical college is a key part of the Career Academy model grant funding; also, a few amendments to the charter would need to be made to move forward with Career Academy.

The Board decided to create a fact-finding committee consisting of three high school teachers, one board member, and three Co-op members.

A called board meeting to vote on millage rate will be held Thursday, July 29 at 7 p.m.

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