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Report of Rome Board of Education — Action Compiled by Dr. Robert A. Young, Dir. of Administrative Services

Ashley and Hyde Recognized by Board: Mr. Greer presented two Rome Middle School teachers, Mrs. Sandye Ashley and Mr. Ron Hyde, certificates for their efforts which resulted in 100 percent of Algebra I students at Rome Middle School passing the state's newly adopted High School End-Of-Course Test this past spring.

Attendance: For the third month of school, West End Elementary School had the highest percentage of student attendance, 97.74 percent. It was also noted that Rome Middle School had 95.41 percent of student attendance for the third month of school. The school with the highest percent of staff attendance was Elm Street Elementary School, 98.33 percent.

New Personnel: The Board unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's recommendations for new certified and support staff hiring for 2004-2005:

Certified: Melanie Thornbury, AKD and Jeanne Bohannon, RHS
Support: Gloria Hatcher, half-time Custodian / RTA; Joycelyn Willis, Parent Educator / MN & NH; Sylvia Castillo, Parapro / ES; D. Leigh Hinton, SNP / WC; Robin Lawson, SNP / MN; Barbara Ware, SNP / RMS; Rosa Brown, SNP / RHS; and Kim Richards, SNP / WE

Focus on Student Achievement - North Heights: Dr. Rita Carter presented the Focus on Student Achievement at North Heights Elementary School. Dr. Carter reported on the 2004 CRCT results and pointed out that 8 of 12 result tables showed North Heights exceeding the state and system results.

Dr. Carter attributed their success to the dedication of their teachers and the implementation of the Georgia's / America's Schools program. Dr. Carter stated that within their cohort group they were a close second in reading and first in math. In terms of percentage of improvement when compared to the prior year, North Heights exceeded their cohort group by a wide margin in both reading and math.

Dr. Carter discussed the long range goals of North Heights and their mission statement. She said that North Heights is well on the way of achieving their goal of having 100 percent of their students achieving AYP.

Early Intervention Program Overview: Dr. Baldwin reported on the Rome City Schools Early Intervention Program (EIP). She gave an overview of the program and discussed the eligibility requirements for students entering and continuing in the support program. Test scores, teacher assessments and Student Support Team recommendations are some of the factors considered in student placement into the program. Dr. Baldwin stated that the program is designed to provide educational scaffolding for identified students in reading and math. Teachers use the Rome City Schools Individualized Acceleration and Remediation Plan cards to document a student's needs, the differentiated instruction received, and the student's ongoing progress throughout the year.

2004 United Way - \$30,050.47: Dr. Harris reported on the Rome City Schools 2004 United Way fund drive. He stated that the 2004 goal was increased by 20 percent over the 2003 collections, from \$25,000 to \$30,000. Dr. Harris complemented the personnel of each of our schools and work locations for their generous giving spirit. He announced that the 2004 United Way goal was achieved: \$30,050.47!

SPLOST II Receipts: Dr. Cooper gave an update on the SPLOST II revenues. He stated that August '04 collections of \$414,011.34 were \$12,053.67 more than projections.

Announcements: Dr. Cooper announced that Rome High Wolves will be hosting Heritage High School on Friday for the second round of state football playoffs. He also commented about Rome High School's Second Place finish in Region 7 AAAA One-Act Play Competition. The participants will be recognized at the December's Board Meeting.

Dr. Cooper announced that the Teacher of the Year and Support Person of the Year ceremony and banquet would be held later Tuesday evening at Rome Middle School following the Board Meeting.

Other Board Actions: The Board unanimously approved, on second reading, Dr. Cooper's recommendation on Policy IDEA (Unstructured Break Time) as presented by Dr. Harris.