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NEWS RELEASE

Governor Perdue Declares School Psychology Week

(November 6, 2009-Carrollton, GA) Governor Sonny Perdue has proclaimed the week of November 9-13, 2009 as a time to recognize the contribution of School Psychology in the education of Georgia's children.

There are presently seven full-time psychologists and one part-time psychologist assigned to serve each of the Carroll County School System's 23 schools. The system employs school psychologists certified with the Georgia state department of education, nationally certified school psychologists, and psychologists licensed with the state of Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists. Entry level into the field currently requires at least three years of intensive graduate work and field experience in addition to meeting state certification requirements.

For the past seven years, the Carroll County Schools has been a member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC), an agency committed to providing quality doctoral psychology internship training. Carroll County Schools is presently training two psychology interns at the doctoral level and six at the EdS (specialist) level.

School Psychologists within the Carroll County Schools provide a wide variety of services, including evaluating children and assisting teachers and administrators with information about students' intellectual, academic, social and emotional needs. While assessment remains an important function, the psychologists also provide intervention services such as social skills training, behavioral interventions in the classroom, individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, and intensive planning to address the mental health and educational needs of students.

School Psychologists perform other duties that serve school personnel and parents, as well as the students. They are available for consultation or training and provide information about issues such as learning disabilities, behavior management, discipline, emotional problems, and test interpretation.

Be sure to thank your school's psychology professionals for the hard work they provide for the children in our school system.

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