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**Eight Georgia Districts using eBOARD Place in Top 10 in 2009 Digital School District Survey**

Atlanta- Eight Georgia school districts that placed in the top ten in the national 2009 Digital School District Survey are current subscribers to eBOARD, a modular web-based governance software developed by eBOARDsolutions, a subsidiary of the Georgia School Boards Association. The study by the Center for Digital Education and the National School Boards Association examines and documents online presence, technology applications that allow public interaction with school boards, administrators and teachers, public access to information such as school board calendars and policies and technology use in the district and classrooms.

Mark Willis, assistant executive director of GSBA and COO of eBOARDsolutions comments, "We are so proud that eight of this year's Digital School Board winners are users of eBOARD. We applaud them for their leadership in modeling 21st century skills and their commitment to leveraging technology to align and focus their work on raising student achievement."

Currently over 170 school boards and districts primarily in Georgia use eBOARD to save money, be more transparent with their community and focus on the work of raising student achievement. eBOARD is much more than a paperless meeting solution. It is about providing tools to improve governance. These tools help school boards align and manage their strategic and school improvement plans, set and manage their policies, manage their meetings, effectively communicate and demonstrate transparency with all stakeholders, all while saving districts time and money.

**Digital School Board 2009 Winners in Georgia who subscribe to eBOARD include:**

**Large Category - More than 15,000 students:**

- 3rd Clayton County School System (tie) (Subscribe to all eBOARD Modules)
- 3rd Forsyth County School System (tie) (Subscribe to all eBOARD Modules)
- 6th Richmond County School System (Subscribe to all eBOARD Modules)
- 8th Fayette County School System (tie) (Subscribe to all eBOARD Modules)

**Medium Category - 2,501 - 15,000 students:**

- 7th Jones County School System (tie) (Subscribe to most eBOARD modules including Meetings and Policy)
- 8th Jefferson City School System (Subscribe to all eBOARD Modules)
- 10th Marietta City School System (tie) (Subscribe to eBOARD Advanced Strategic Plan Module)

**Small Category - Less than 2,500 students:**

- 4th Chickamauga City School System (Subscribe to eBOARD Policy)
- 10th Charlton County School System

Dr. Dana Bedden, superintendent of Schools for Richmond County Schools, which placed 6th nationally in the "Large Category" stated, "We are so excited with our placement in the 2009 Digital School Districts Survey. Richmond County School System has worked extremely hard to move into the 21st Century in all areas of technology. eBOARD has played a tremendous role in reaching our system's goal in being transparent in communications within our system and community. This has been a team effort and certainly an honor to every employee in the Richmond County School System."

Dr. John DeCotis, superintendent of Fayette County Schools says, "We are honored to receive this award. It is a team effort on the part of our technology department, the staff at the schools, county level and our students and parents! eBOARD has enabled us to communicate easier and more freely with our constituents. It has proven to be a big asset."

John Jackson, superintendent of Jefferson City Schools, adds, "eBOARD has been a marvelous addition to our school system, and its impact has been pervasive. It has increased our level of efficiency and reduced the amount of time required to prepare for Board meetings. eBOARDsolutions has enhanced the level of communication between my office and our Board of Education and it has also improved the level of communication between the system and the community-at-large. I know I speak for our Board in saying that after experiencing the many benefits offered by eBOARDsolutions, we could not imagine operating without it."

**About eBOARD:**

eBOARD helps organizations by:

- Providing a single source for access to pertinent data for effective decision-making
- Stakeholders can easily find information through advanced search capabilities
- Saving time and money by streamlining workflow and eliminating paper dependency
- Enhancing communications with all stakeholders

eBOARD Modules now include:

- Strategic Plan - Monitor, track, manage and report on the organization's strategic plan to all stakeholders
- Meetings - Streamline agenda preparation and enhance the effectiveness of all meetings (not just board meetings)
- Policy - Publish policies, regulations and exhibits for easy access by all stakeholders
- Communications - Improve communications with all stakeholders
- Documents - Build an online library for easy access to important documents

**About GSBA and eBOARDsolutions:**

eBOARDsolutions (EBS) is a subsidiary of the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA). GSBA is a voluntary association of the state's 180 locally elected boards of education. For more information about the association, go to [www.gsba.com](http://www.gsba.com).