

GOAL 4 – TO ENGAGE PARENTS AND OTHER COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

D. Engagement through Mentoring & Tutoring Annual Report – April 2009

Executive Summary

District administration has worked with mentor groups, fraternities, sororities, the military and our principals to increase the number of mentors and tutors available to our students. For school year 2008-09, the number of mentors/tutors grew in our schools by 322, a 30% increase over the previous school year. This increase has met and exceeded the established District Accountability goal of 10%. A visual display is shown in Figure 1.

Four years ago, one quarter of the total mentors/tutors in the school district came from LOVE, Inc. With the focus and resources provided, we have increased community support. Groups like the 100 Black Men, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, and a number of Savannah State University fraternities and sororities have joined the program. Most recently, local military servicemen and women have adopted multiple schools. Furthermore, a good portion of the district's mentors/tutors are parent volunteers recruited through the schools' PTAs. The district's mentor/tutors are not only from these organizations, but now include high school students. These students volunteer their time in supporting and assisting elementary school students.

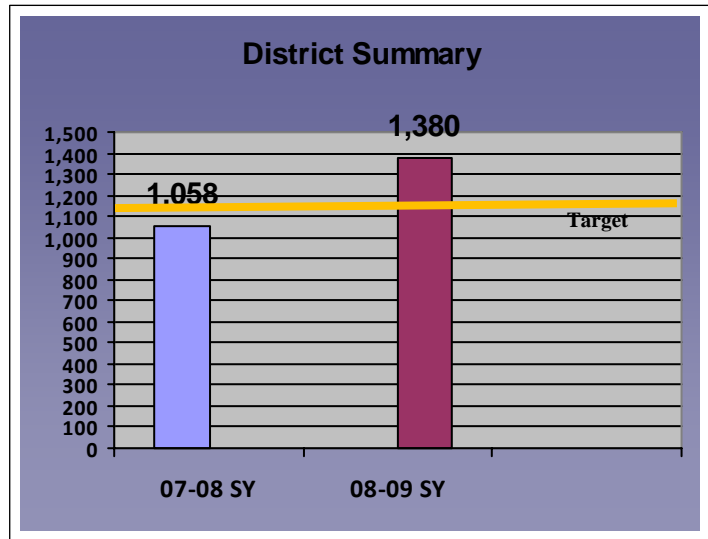


Figure 1

The Communications Department will continue to work with principals and staff to identify and coordinate the efforts of volunteer mentors/tutors in the school district. The continued work will concentrate on spreading the wealth of these volunteers into more schools, while also working to identify new volunteers and pairing them with schools in need.

The following table breaks down the number of tutors and mentors active in the district and at each school for the current and previous year.

2008-2009 Mentors & Tutors
District

Total Number of Mentors/Tutors 07-08	Total Number of Mentors/Tutors 08-09	Met Target of 10% increase annually
1,058	1,380	Yes

Elementary Schools

School	Number of Mentors/Tutors 07-08	Number of Mentors/Tutors 08-09
Bartow	40	52
Bloomington	1	13
Butler	4	4
Coastal Empire Montessori	n/a	0
East Broad	15	6
Ellis	152	91
Gadsden	96	89
Garden City	12	34
Garrison	0	40
Georgetown	20	23
Gould	20	5
Haven	72	64
Heard	14	52
Hesse	16	11
Hodge	3	8
Howard	26	28
Islands	7	8
Isle of Hope	25	23
Largo-Tibet	20	20
Low	5	24
Marshpoint	36	32
Pooler	42	12
Port Wentworth	59	63
Pulaski	10	14
J.G. Smith	47	13
Southwest	15	19
Spencer	74	21
Thunderbolt	40	16
West Chatham	6	31
White Bluff	51	31
Windsor Forest	2	44

2008-2009 Mentors & Tutors
Middle Schools

School	Number of Mentors/Tutors 07-08	Number of Mentors/Tutors 08-09
Bartlett	0	1
Coastal	0	0
DeRenne	36	28
Hubert	46	19
Mercer	24	17
Myers	0	0
Oglethorpe Charter	0	0
Shuman	5	4
Southwest	0	16
West Chatham	0	4

High Schools

School	Number of Mentors/Tutors 07-08	Number of Mentors/Tutors 08-09
Beach	45	19
Groves	0	39
Jenkins	20	7
Johnson	241	275
Savannah Arts	0	7
Savannah High	0	14
Windsor Forest	0	17

Other Sites

School	Number of Mentors/Tutors 07-08	Number of Mentors/Tutors 08-09
Coastal GA Com. Academy	0	5
Corporate Academy	0	0
Early College	0	4
Scott	0	5
Woodville-Tompkins	0	8