



## District Accountability Plan Goal 4, Objective D Engagement through Mentoring & Tutoring Annual Report – June 2011 Executive Summary

District Accountability System **Objective 4D** states that the district will increase the number of mentor/tutors available to students. Specifically, the established target is to increase the number of active mentors/tutors within the district by 10 percent annually. Through community collaboration and increased outreach efforts, the district has surpassed this goal. A total of **2,863** mentors/tutors partnered with our schools during school year 2010-2011. This is a **65 percent** increase from the previous year. A visual display is shown in Figure 1 and individual school results are shown on tables 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools continue to benefit from the support of numerous mentor organizations and programs. In addition, military units and individual parent and community volunteers, serve as tutors at school sites.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Coastal Empire, the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club, DEEP, LOVE, and 100 Black Men, were among the mentor organizations that enhanced student learning at our schools. Hubert Middle School experienced a 21percent gain in their students' writing scores after the organization, Deep, tutored 90 of the school's eighth-graders. These students attribute their writing and reading improvements to the mentor organization developing their confidence and love for learning.

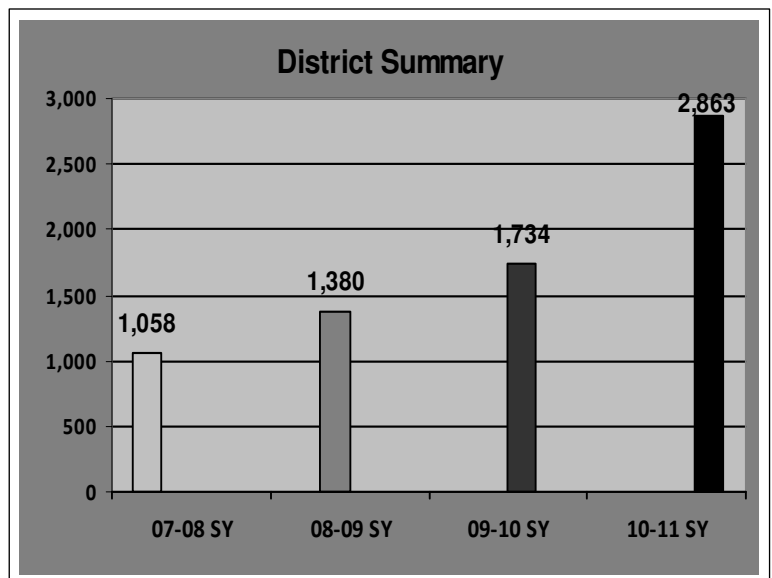


Figure 1

The collegiate connection within Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools remains strong. Armstrong State University, Savannah College of Art and Design, Georgia Institute of Technology, and South University each supported various schools in the district by providing their knowledge and professional expertise to the classroom.

Among the mentoring and tutoring programs that made a significant impact this year were In2Books, Parent University, and the Student Leadership Program. These programs offered innovative approaches district-wide to support a diverse group of students. Their strength went far beyond the walls of the classroom, bringing together community leaders, parents, online pen pals, students, and teachers, with a focus on leadership skills, reading, writing, and youth development activities. The mentoring opportunities connected to these programs were often held outside of the classroom at various locations throughout Savannah-Chatham County.

The Military community remains committed to our schools as the number of units participating in the Adopt-A-School initiative continues to grow. During school year 2010-2011, 14 units were engaged with schools. Among the strong military partnerships was the 260<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Battalion. This group of soldiers tutored at White Bluff Elementary School twice a month and Jacob G. Smith Elementary School weekly. Recognizing the value of the partnerships, White Bluff honored the unit's outstanding efforts at an awards ceremony and both schools held commemorative sign unveiling events. The signs were created to develop awareness regarding the partnership each school has with the 260th Quartermaster Battalion.

Churches, faith-based organizations, and fraternal organizations have also been consistent in their support of Savannah-Chatham students by providing individual volunteers at various sites. The individuals assisted with curriculum based activities and donated needed school supplies.

Overall, the district has consistently increased the number of mentors and tutors available to our students. To ensure continued growth in this area, the Office of Public Information and Community Engagement will continue to offer support to all schools as needed, and will work with the Community Engagement Task Force to identify mechanisms that align mentor/tutor relationships with student achievement through specific benchmarks. Targeting student achievement and broadening community outreach will ensure success on the goal, and provide measureable results.

<b>Total Number of Mentors/Tutors 08-09</b>	<b>Total Number of Mentors/Tutors 09-10</b>	<b>Total Number of Mentors/Tutors 10-11</b>	<b>Met Target of 10% increase annually</b>
1,380	1,734	2,863	<b>Yes</b>

Table 1

**Elementary Schools**

<b>School</b>	<b>Number of Mentors/Tutors 09-10</b>	<b>Number of Mentors/Tutors 10-11</b>
Bartow	52	29
Bloomington	19	29
Butler	4	51
Coastal Empire Montessori	0	0
Gadsden	177	192
Garden City	59	31
Gould	15	11
Haven	32	44
Heard	38	48
Hodge	12	15
Howard	37	129
Largo-Tibet	46	22
Low	19	15
Marshpoint	31	18
Pooler	76	58
Port Wentworth	70	41
Pulaski	16	16
Shuman	8	89
J.G. Smith	24	24
Southwest	20	34
Spencer	25	19
Thunderbolt	170	143
West Chatham	32	187
White Bluff	35	24
Windsor Forest	14	34

Table 2

**K-8 Schools**

<b>School</b>	<b>Number of Mentors/Tutors 09-10</b>	<b>Number of Mentors/Tutors 10-11</b>
East Broad	10	75
Ellis	35	40
Esther F. Garrison	10	240
Georgetown	38	37
Godley Station	*N/A	45
Hesse	25	25
Isle of Hope	20	48

Table 3

**Middle Schools**

<b>School</b>	<b>Number of Mentors/Tutors 09-10</b>	<b>Number of Mentors/Tutors 10-11</b>
Bartlett	8	4
Coastal	0	3
DeRenne	73	94
Hubert	14	50
Mercer	17	15
Myers	7	1
Oglethorpe Charter	0	13
Southwest	8	15
West Chatham	22	8

Table 4

**High Schools**

<b>School</b>	<b>Number of Mentors/Tutors 09-10</b>	<b>Number of Mentors/Tutors 10-11</b>
Beach	27	99
Groves	35	20
Islands	*N/A	24
Jenkins	4	61
Johnson	279	450
Savannah Arts	3	0
Savannah High-LCJ	6	32
Savannah High-LS	4	127
Windsor Forest	1	34

Table 5

**Other Educational Centers**

<b>School</b>	<b>Number of Mentors/Tutors 09-10</b>	<b>Number of Mentors/Tutors 10-11</b>
Coastal GA Comprehensive Academy	4	2
Early College	3	23
Scott	7	67
Woodville-Tompkins	16	32

\*The 09-10 information for the Godley Station K-8 School and Islands High School is not available. The schools did not come into operation until the 10-11 SY.