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student achievement  
in Atlanta's public schools.

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**The Atlanta  
Education  
Fund  
Welcomes**

Greetings:

I hope you are enjoying the arrival of spring.

We are happy to report that Atlanta Public Schools has made significant progress in its elementary schools: 100% met AYP - the state's standard for what a school should achieve year to year and APS has improved every year, in every subject on the

NAEP - the nation's most rigorous standardized tests. While elementary performance has been strong, APS acknowledges that there is still work to do in the high schools.

Accordingly, they have embarked on an aggressive high school transformation plan. We are honored to serve as one of their partners.

This newsletter will focus on APS' High School Transformation (HST) and hopefully inspire you to get informed and involved. Together, we will ensure that progress of APS is sustained and accelerated.



Please join us on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, for APS' High School Transformation (HST) Community Awareness Meeting being held at Frederick Douglass High School, 225 Hamilton E. Holmes Dr., NW. I encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors. Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to meet the new extraordinary principals, learn more about HST, and get your questions answered first hand.

On behalf of the AEF team, thank you for your continued support!

Hosanna Johnson

*"Never underestimate the power of a few committed people to change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." (Margaret Mead)*

The Atlanta Education Fund's mission is to sustain and accelerate student achievement in Atlanta's public schools. We have two key strategies: 1) Keeping the public informed and involved, and 2) Supporting or leading key reform initiatives. It is our vision to ensure

## the New HST Principal's

### Therrell High School

**Byron Barnes**  
School of Law

**Esmie Gaynor**  
School of Engineering,  
Math & Science

**Boris Hurst**  
School of Business and  
Entrepreneurship

**Dr. Eric Parker**  
School of Health,  
Sciences & Research

### South Atlanta High School

**Termerion McCrary**  
School of Health &  
Medical Sciences

**Dr. Marcus Barber**  
School of  
Leadership  
& Economic  
Empowerment

**Peter McKnight**  
School of Law &  
Social Justice

**Scott Painter**  
School of  
Engineering  
& Computer  
Sciences

**CONGRATS!**

that every child in every school has the skills, information, and support to pursue their dreams.

## Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation donates \$10million to launch High School Transformation (HST) initiative at Atlanta Public Schools

Over the next five years, APS will transform all of its large, comprehensive high schools into small, personalized environments that provide more rigorous instruction which is intended to result in higher achievement and higher college access.

Superintendent, Dr. Beverly L. Hall has set an ambitious target. "We will graduate 90 percent of our ninth graders in four years and they will be ready to be successful in college and for their future careers." She has experience setting high standards for APS. According to The Council of The Great City Schools, which represents the nation's city school systems, APS is the only urban school district in the country where 100% of the elementary schools made AYP.



Carver, South Atlanta and Therrell high schools are already undergoing transformation. In the fall of 2008, Southside High School will begin the implementation of smaller learning communities. Douglass High School's transformation into small learning communities will begin in the fall of 2009 the same time that Washington High School will begin implementing its plan to change into small schools. North Atlanta, Mays and Grady high schools will formally launch their transformation in the fall of 2010.

For additional information about Atlanta Public Schools High School Transformation Initiative, please contact Mr. Atterbury at 404-802-2890 or via e-mail at [ratterbury@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:ratterbury@atlanta.k12.ga.us).

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