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The State Board of Education met August 5-6. The pages that follow summarize the Board's actions for this month. For complete SBE information, visit their website: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/stateboard/>

RETESTING BENEFITS K-8 SCHOOLS: 2008-09 ABCs REPORT ON SCHOOL PERFORMANCE APPROVED

North Carolina public schools showed improvement in the 2008-09 school year, according to the ABCs report approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) Thursday. The number of North Carolina public schools earning the state's top school designations more than doubled in 2008-09, and 71 percent of schools met standards for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) required under federal education law.

These two measures were helped in part by the State Board of Education's decision to include reading, mathematics and science retest results for students in grades 3-8 in the state's ABCs accountability program and in federal AYP calculations.

Results showed that 117 schools, or 4.7 percent, earned the state's top designation – Honor Schools of Excellence. Nine schools, or .4 percent, were Schools of Excellence; and 502 schools, or 20.3 percent, were Schools of Distinction. Schools in these categories had 80 percent or more of their students performing at or above grade level on state end-of-grade and end-of-course tests and showed student academic growth that was at the expected level or greater. Schools in the Honor Schools of Excellence category also met federal Adequate Yearly Progress targets. In the prior year, 2007-08, a total of 239 schools earned one of these three top designations.

Student retest results were included in the performance composite portion of the model for the first time in 2008-09 in response to recommendations of the North Carolina Blue Ribbon Commission on Testing and Accountability. The performance composite measure indicates the percentage of students who scored proficient on end-of-grade or end-of-course tests.

For more information and to view the report visit: <http://abcs.ncpublicschools.org/abcs/>.

ACTION ITEMS

Action was taken on the following items:

GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE STUDENTS COMMITTEE

Action on First Reading

GCS 1-ABCs/AYP Report for the 2008-09 School Year

Recommendations: It is recommended that the Board approve the ABCs/AYP status of each school for the 2008-09 school year. **APPROVED**

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/08/gcs/08gcs01.pdf>

BUSINESS/FINANCE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Action on First Reading

TCS 1–Approval of Grants

Recommendations: It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the grants.

APPROVED

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/08/tcs/08tcs01.pdf>

LEADERSHIP FOR INNOVATION COMMITTEE

Action

LFI 1–Recommendations for Preliminary Approval of 2009 Charter School Applications

*Recommendations: The Office of Charter Schools recommends the approval of three (3) applicants for preliminary charters to begin training in August 2009. **APPROVED***

The following three applicants were approved:

- Henderson Collegiate
- Lake Lure Classical Academy
- Mountain Island Charter School

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/08/lfi/08lfi01.pdf>

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