

# Superintendent's Advance

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S** **PRESS CONFERENCE 2011**

**July 19, 2011**

### **THE DCSS CRCT INVESTIGATION**

I have asked you here today to make sure our community knows that, as superintendent of schools, cheating is something that will not be tolerated in our school system. Although I came to this office after the erasure audit and local investigations began, I have been committed to finding the truth from the very beginning. I visited each school involved in the investigation along with my Public Information Director and a member of the Law Firm of Perry and Walters and encouraged the staff to tell me if they have participated in any unethical or illegal behavior pertaining to the CRCT. My door is always open to anyone who has information about cheating. I've asked them to come to me, first. I have stated that I will not tolerate cheating and anyone who is found to have cheated will have their employment terminated, immediately!

Having said that, we have no reason in evidence to suggest that the results of our investigations are not valid. I will make a request to the investigative team and investigators that will return to our system that, when they get leads, they do not accept anonymous calls, letters, emails, or otherwise without holding those calls, letters, emails, or otherwise to the same standards and scrutiny for which they are holding this district. All callers should give their names and telephone numbers as a point of reference for follow up. If an anonymous letter has no name and number it should not be accepted.

Finally, I believe we employ the finest teachers and leaders that can be found. We look forward to getting these questions of character behind us as we work to maintain our focus on the education of the children and youth of this community.

**Our next Press Conference will be held in the morning July 20, 2011 at 10:30 A.M. here at the Board Room to discuss the Importance of August 1<sup>st</sup> 2011, the first day of school.**