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## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY POSTED SIGNIFICANT GAINS ON STATE HIGH SCHOOL EXAM

*“Effective teaching and a high level of student engagement paid off for students in Edgefield County’s two high schools,” said Dr. Frank G. Roberson, former Interim Superintendent.* Both Strom Thurmond High School and Fox Creek students posted higher scores on the English Language Arts and Mathematics sections on the first attempt of the High School Assessment Program, (HSAP) this year. The State Department of Education released HSAP scores Thursday, November 8.

85.2% of Strom Thurmond High School students met the standards on the English Language Arts section and 78.9% of the students met the standards for the Mathematic section. At Fox Creek High School, 95.2% of students met the standards on the English Language Arts section and 85.7% of the students met the standards for Mathematics.

“I am delighted to see this level of achievement from our students. The students and teachers are to be congratulated. This is encouraging news and I plan to support and encourage this continuous level of achievement,” said Dr. Mary Crenshaw, Superintendent for Edgefield County Schools. She continued, “This community should be proud of their schools. This gain shown from both of our high schools is indicative of the quality instruction that is taking place in the classrooms. Our teachers and administrators are commended for their efforts of addressing the needs of our students.”

Dr. Frank Roberson said, “Effective schools are important for communities and are essential for economic growth. Our high schools are definitely operating as effective schools.”

<b>HSAP REPORT</b>						
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ELA</b>			<b>MATH</b>		
	2006	2007	GAIN	2006	2007	GAIN
STHS	79.4	85.2	5.8	70.6	78.9	8.3
FOX	93.4	95.2	1.8	78.7	85.7	7
STATE	84.9	88.1	3.2	80.2	79.6	-0.6

<b>HSAP RESULTS</b>					
<b>LOCATION</b>	2006		2007		2007
	ELA	MATH	MATH	MATH	GAINS
STHS	79.4	70.6	78.9	78.9	78.9
FOX	93.4	78.7	85.7	85.7	85.7
STATE	84.9	80.2	79.6	79.6	79.6