



## District and Community Celebrate Central High School Groundbreaking



On Tuesday, October 30, 2007, the Bibb County School District and Macon-Bibb County community came together to celebrate the ongoing facility improvements across the county with the Groundbreaking for the new Central High School! More than 80 students, faculty, staff, community members, and members of the construction and design team celebrated this milestone event.

“By completely rebuilding Central from the ground up, we will be providing the students and our community with a facility that meets our current and future educational needs,” Superintendent Sharon Patterson told the assembled guests. The new Central High will open in August 2009 and is being

built for 1,000 students with a core capacity of 1,200 (includes media center, cafeteria, and gymnasium).

Guest speakers included Macon City Council President Anita Ponder, Councilman-Elect Virgil Watkins, Jr. (Central Alum), Bibb County Board of Education Treasurer Tommy Barnes (Central Alum), Architect Gene Dunwody, Sr. (Central Alum), Principal Erin Weaver, Central High Junior Justin Williams, and Central High Taylor Sapp.

This construction is part of the District’s 2005 Capital Improvement Program, which – through an Education Special Local Option Sales Tax - will see \$165 million in upgrades, additions, and new schools over the next few years.

Also included in the Capital Improvement Program are: a new high school in the northwest area of Bibb County, a new Southwest High School; major renovations at Northeast High School; a major reconstruction of Ingram-Pye Elementary School; a new Ballard-Hudson Middle School; renovations at Hartley Elementary School; and building the recently opened Bloomfield Middle School.

“We are seeing great change and improvement in Bibb County,” says Mrs. Patterson. “With the community’s support of this ESPLOST, we are able to provide our students with an optimal learning environment.”



*Architectural Rendering of the New Central High School  
Scheduled to Open August 2009*