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EBRPSS FAST FACTS

TALKING POINTS

- **86** schools and sites
- **6,400** employees
- **3,757** teachers
- **98.5%** of teachers are certified/highly qualified
- **165** National Board Certified teachers
- **53%** advance-degreed teachers
- **\$43,536**: Avg. begin. teacher salary
- **42,700** students enrolled
- **81%** of students are minorities
- **62** languages spoken: **2.7%** English Language Learners
- **9.9%** are ESS students
- **About 82%**: Free & Reduced Lunch
- **5,600** Active Magnet Program students; **1,568** Active Gifted & Talented Program students
- District Performance Score has reached two-star status for the first time (**82 DPS** is a 3-year growth, **9.7-points** increase).
- Grade 4 promotion increases (**8 points** in 4 years)
- **18 of 30** state tests improved in the district in the spring of 2010
- **6** schools released from the state's sanctions based on 2009-10 test data
- **3** new charters approved -- now there are 6 district-run charters
- **9** Blue Ribbon Schools: Baton Rouge Magnet High, Forest Heights Elementary, Glasgow Middle, McKinley Middle Magnet, Northeast Elementary, Ryan Elementary (2010), Shenandoah Elementary, Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet and Westdale Heights Magnet Elementary
- Graduation Rates 2010: **60%** graduated on time -- **3.2%** increase. On-time students graduate four years after entering high school. Improvement, but a need to explore high school options.
- **19.7 points**: Average ACT score 2010. Composite scores for minorities continue to exceed state and national composites.
- **A decrease of 5.2%**: Since May 2008, our Drop-Out Rate has decreased from 10.2% to 5%.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- 78% of schools showed growth with 37 meeting or exceeding average state growth in test scores.
- Laura Hill, a Cedarcrest-Southmoor E.S. teacher, won the Milken Educator Award.
- Westdale Heights Academic Magnet (WHAM) teacher Mary Legoria is a state-level finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching.
- WHAM was just one of 6 schools nationwide, and the only Louisiana school, to win the 2010 Intel Schools of Distinction program.
- David Holmes, a senior at Baton Rouge Magnet High School, is the 2011 Louisiana High School Student of the Year.
- 14 of 15 Semifinalists from the district now are National Merit Scholarship Finalists.
- A B.R. Magnet High team will represent the state at the National Science Bowl.
- 3 schools earned the 2011 Magnet Schools of America Magnet School of Excellence Award (BR Foreign Language Academic Immersion, Sherwood Middle Magnet and Westdale Heights Academic Magnet), and 1 received the Magnet School of Distinction Award (BRCVPA).

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