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East Baton Rouge Parish School System Successfully Closes the 2010-2011 School Year

Baton Rouge, La. – More than 42,700 East Baton Rouge Parish School System students completed the 2010-2011 school year today. On the last day of school, School System Superintendent John Dilworth took the opportunity to thank students, teachers, principals, school staff, parents and the East Baton Rouge community for another great year.

“I am very proud of the achievements made over the past year,” Dilworth said. “Over the past year, 78 percent of our schools showed growth with 37 meeting or exceeding average state growth in test scores. Our graduation rates increased by 3.2 percent to 60 percent for on-time graduates, and the drop-out rate decreased from 10.2 percent to 5 percent since May 2008. And today, we received news that our spring test scores increased.”

This year, Ryan Elementary joined the ranks of the district’s eight other Blue Ribbon Schools, which include Baton Rouge Magnet High School, Forest Heights Elementary, Glasgow Middle, McKinley Middle Magnet, Northeast Elementary, Shenandoah Elementary, Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet and Westdale Heights Academic Magnet schools.

Students are scheduled to begin the 2011-2012 school year on August 10.

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