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# VISION 2020

*A Strategic Plan for Our Children's Future.*

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## **Vision 2020 Phase One Details**

### *Feedback Used to Shape the New Caddo*

Shreveport, LA – Superintendent Dr. Gerald Dawkins today released additional details on changes that will take place in Caddo Parish Public Schools during the 2011-2012 school year under the recently-adopted Vision 2020 strategic plan.

“During this process, thousands shared with us their passions and desires for the school district,” Dawkins said. “We may not agree on how to get there, but we all agree on the goal—high quality schools and equity of resources for all students. The focus of Vision 2020 has been and will continue to be on increasing Academic Achievement district-wide,” Dawkins said. “Consolidations, closures and reconfigured schools are difficult actions to take, but they are necessary in order to move this district forward and focus our limited resources more directly to our children,” Dawkins added.

Letters were sent out today to parents and guardians of students who will be impacted this fall. Full details of changes for the 2011-2012 school year are available on the Vision 2020 page of Caddo’s website, [www.caddo.k12.la.us](http://www.caddo.k12.la.us). Informational pieces and FAQs are being updated and community and staff are urged to share questions they may have via the website or the Superintendent’s Action Line, (318) 603-6000.

Separate, but closely tied to the strategic planning process, is the budget. Phase One of Vision 2020 will save the district approximately \$3million; however, additional savings are needed in order to meet an anticipated shortfall next year. The board will meet tomorrow to discuss proposed reductions. It is anticipated that a significant portion of staff reductions can be accomplished through attrition and elimination of vacant positions.

“I have been, and will continue to be, very candid with you about the challenges we face,” Dawkins told staff today. “We are working diligently to identify areas where we can tighten up and streamline processes with as little impact on students and staff as possible. I can’t promise you the next few weeks and months will be easy, but I can promise to share information on decisions that impact you,” Dawkins added.

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