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Henry V. Wagner Jr., Superintendent

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School Counselors Celebrated During National School Counseling Week February 7–11, 2011

Dorchester County Public Schools is celebrating National School Counseling Week from February 7–11, 2011. The week is sponsored by the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems, and how students are different as a result of what school counselors do. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

The special week honoring school counselors provides recognition for school counselors who are a vital part of the educational process for all students as they meet the challenges of the 21st century, according to Barbara Woolford, Supervisor of School Counselors for Dorchester County Public Schools.

In a proclamation, Henry Wagner, Superintendent of Schools for Dorchester County, cited school counselors for:

- being actively engaged in helping students examine their abilities, strengths, interests and talents;
- working in a partnership with parents as they encounter the challenges of raising children in today's world;
- focusing on positive ways to enhance students' social/personal, educational, and career development; and
- working with teachers and other educators to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic, and optimistic aspirations for themselves.

Professional school counselors are certified, experienced educators with a master's degree in guidance and counseling. The combination of their training and experience makes them an integral part of the total educational program.

More than 28,000 school counselors nationwide will be participating in the week's festivities. Many school counselors will be hosting special events and activities to call attention to the myriad benefits of a comprehensive school counseling program.