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**Thurmond and Jacobs to address Brookhaven Council**

**Brookhaven, GA, March 22, 2013** – Interim DeKalb County Schools Superintendent Michael Thurmond and state Rep. Mike Jacobs will meet with the Brookhaven Mayor and City Council to discuss proposed improvements to the local school system.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the PATH Academy, 3007 Hermance Dr. NE, Brookhaven.

Thurmond will give a brief presentation on the status of the new Board of Education and its next steps. He will be followed by Jacobs (R-Brookhaven), who will discuss local legislation that impacts Brookhaven, as well as a proposed bill that would allow cities to create separate school systems. The legislation requires a constitutional amendment.

Their presentations will be followed by a question and answer session open to the public.

Brookhaven Mayor J. Max Davis invited Thurmond and Jacobs to address city leaders after hearing concerns from the community.

“We want to provide the best community for our residents and businesses, and that includes having a strong partnership with our local schools,” the Mayor said.

Brookhaven leaders said the biggest concern they have heard from residents is the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools’ investigation into DeKalb’s accreditation. With 99,000 students, DeKalb is the state’s third largest school system.

Thurmond, an attorney with Butler, Wooten & Fryhofer LLP, was appointed interim superintendent on Feb. 8. He previously served as Georgia’s labor commissioner, a state legislator and director of the state Division of Family and Children’s Services.

Jacobs, an attorney, represents District 80 and serves as chairman of the MARTOC Committee, which oversees the MARTA budget. He also serves as vice chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

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