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BOE Purchases Site for New Elementary School

The Newton County Board of Education has closed on the purchase of 80.97 acres located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Airport Road and Georgia Highway 142. It is intended that construction on a new elementary school at that location will begin next year. This site is also expected in the future to accommodate additional facilities as outlined in the school district's building plan. The Board of Education paid the Newton County Industrial Development Authority \$14,000 per acre for a total purchase price of \$1,133,580.

According to Dr. Dennis Carpenter, Deputy Superintendent for Newton County Schools, the site will be the location for a new elementary school similar in design to the ones recently constructed at South Salem and Live Oak.

"It is anticipated that we will be ready to let a contract on this school in the spring of 2010," said Carpenter. "Our current plans are to have the school open for the start of the 2011-2012 school year."

Newton County School System currently has 24 schools—13 elementary schools, four middle schools, three high schools, two theme schools, one alternative school and one charter school.

"We are very pleased with the site we have acquired," said Dr. Steve Whatley, Newton County School Superintendent.

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