

## **“BRAGGING POINTS”**

### **I. Academics**

- The district has 37% of its teachers with advanced degrees.
- East Oktibbeha and West Oktibbeha County Elementary Schools earned the Closing of Achievement Gap Award presented by the Mississippi State Department of Education in 2006. See Attachment A for details.
- All schools are meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as required by “No Child Left Behind”.
- Students are performing at the proficient to advance level on the state Mississippi Curriculum Test ( 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> ) and obtaining a high pass rate on the state Subject Area Tests ( Algebra I, Biology I, English II, US History ).
- West Oktibbeha County Elementary School has a Level 4 performance rating for 2006-07 with Level 5 being the highest.
- West Oktibbeha County High School had a Level 4 performance rating in 2004.
- East Oktibbeha County Elementary School has an achievement index of 392 with an achievement index of 400 being a Level 4.
- The district offers over 80 courses for secondary students.
- Honor clubs are available ( Beta Club.)
- Career tracks in Vocational Education are available through the Millsaps Career and Technology Center.



- Upgraded science and math labs are offered at each elementary school.
- Upgraded science labs are offered at both high schools.
- East and West Oktibbeha County Elementary Schools have a three-year \$900,000 Reading First Grant to support the instructional program in grades k-3.
- East and West Oktibbeha County High Schools have a five-year \$538,000 Twenty-First Century Grant (CCLC) to support the instructional program.
- Extended School Day (k-12) and Extended School Year (k-8) programs are provided for students.
- East Oktibbeha County Elementary School has one of 25 NASA grants nationwide, and the only school in Mississippi for 2006-07

## **II. Facilities**

- \$5,000,000 worth of renovation has been completed on school facilities district-wide in the past five years.
- All school facilities are in excellent condition in terms of appearance and maintenance.

## **III. Athletics**

- Both basketball teams, girls and boys, from East High School made it to Jackson in 2005-06, with the girls losing the state championship game by two points.



- Both basketball teams, girls and boys, from East High School are ranked in the top five in class 1A in the State in 2006-07.
- Both football teams, East High and West High, made the state playoffs for 2006-07.
- All athletics facilities are in excellent condition.
- The major sports ( basketball, football, baseball, track) are offered at each high school.
- East Oktibbeha County High School Boys and Girls Basketball Teams were State Champions in 2006-07

#### **IV. Technology**

- There is internet access in all classrooms in the district.
- All schools in the district have computer labs.
- All library systems are computerized.
- All schools have a computerized messenger system to communicate with parents.
- All schools have computer software packages to remediate and accelerate student achievement.
- East and West Oktibbeha County High Schools have a distance learning lab.
- Opportunities are available through online learning at each high school.