



**2006-2007  
General  
Operating  
Budget**

# **Superintendent's Priorities**

## **Funded through Continued or Repurposed Funding**

### **■ Instructional Support Team Expansion**

#### **■ Ongoing Professional Development**

A major thrust of the Cincinnati Public School District's new five-year strategic plan is increasing the resources provided to support teaching and learning. One of the most important strategies to accomplish this will be expanding the number of Instructional Support Teams from three teams in the current year to seven teams in the 2006-07 school year. Comprised of principals, teachers and coaches, these teams collectively will provide assistance to all elementary and high schools on best practices; data analysis to guide instruction; on-site coaching and professional development; and audits of school effectiveness.

### **■ Curriculum Development**

#### **■ Benchmark Assessment Development**

#### **■ Model Lessons**

#### **■ Textbook Adoptions**

The Superintendent's Priorities for 2006-07 will further strengthen curriculum through the development of benchmark assessments in the content areas of science and social studies. Like the benchmark assessments previously developed for reading and mathematics, the science and social studies benchmarks will serve as instructional tools. Coupled with the power of technology, these benchmarks will provide teachers and schools with timely, precise data on skill-development needs to help students reach essential indicators. Model lessons also will be developed as an additional teaching resource. And, literacy skills of young children will be strengthened by extending the Voyager reading program to cover more K-3 classrooms. Replacement materials, such as workbooks, also will be provided to complement textbook adoptions.

### **■ Montessori Expansion**

Cincinnati Public Schools will continue to support quality educational choices within our district through an expansion of the Montessori program as a priority area for 2006-07. Classroom startup costs will be part of the General Fund Budget, with teacher retraining included as part of federally funded professional development costs.



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• **Superintendent's Priorities (cont.)**

• **■ Transportation Initiative**

• As part of ongoing efforts to become a more family-friendly school district, the Superintendent's Priorities for 2006-07 include several improvements in transportation services. To increase the stability of the learning environment, CPS will provide transportation back to their original school for K-8 students who move within the district for the duration of the school year. CPS also will provide transportation to all students temporarily relocated to "swing space" schools due to the district's facilities construction program. In addition, the minimum distance from home to school for K-8 students to be eligible for transportation service will be reduced to three-quarters of a mile from the current distance of one mile.

• **■ Universal Breakfast**

• Research confirms the importance of good nutrition to academic success. A good breakfast provides a healthy start to the school day. Therefore, a priority in the recommended 2006-07 General Fund Budget is implementation of a Universal Breakfast Program offered free daily in all district elementary schools.