



**2008-2009
General
Operating
Budget**

Superintendent's Priorities

- **Curriculum Development**
 - **Textbook Adoptions**
 - **Benchmark Assessments**
 - **Model Lessons**

The Superintendent's Priorities for 2008-09 will further strengthen curriculum through the adoption of new textbooks purchased through alternative funding sources. New 9-12 mathematics textbooks will be funded by the GE Developing Futures Grant; new textbooks in social studies for grades 9-12 also will be purchased using alternative funding. In addition, end-of-semester exams will be developed for 11th grade. The district will continue to provide teachers with short-cycle benchmark assessments as a tool to guide instruction and better prepare students for state tests. Development and distribution of model lessons in science and social studies also will provide teachers with additional instructional resources.

- **Instructional Support Team**
 - **Ongoing Professional Development**

Cincinnati Public Schools will continue to support a major strategy of the district's five-year strategic plan through high-quality, job-embedded professional development delivered by Instructional Support Teams. Comprised of principals, teachers and coaches, these six teams collectively 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.



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Superintendent's Priorities (cont.)

- **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 2008-09. Additional grades will be added to the Pleasant Ridge neighborhood school, as well as creating a west side Montessori high school that will serve grades 7 through 10 in 2008-09.

- **Transportation Initiative**

As part of ongoing efforts to become a more family-friendly school district, the Superintendent's Priorities for 2008-09 will continue improvements in transportation services. These improvements, piloted in the 2006-07 school year, were reviewed and recommended for continuation by the Transportation Task Force, a committee including parents and community members. To increase the stability of the learning environment, CPS will continue to provide to K-8 students who move within the district transportation back to their original schools 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 continue to be reduced to three-quarters of a mile from the former distance of one mile.

- **Universal Breakfast**

In response to research confirming the importance of good nutrition to academic success, the district will continue to provide a Universal Breakfast Program offered free daily in all district elementary schools. Universal Breakfast was piloted in the 2006-07 school year.