

SYLVESTER B. JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Greetings,

As you know, school systems and municipalities across the nation are faced with the most difficult economic times we have experienced in several generations. With that in mind, our district is considering the potential of consolidating our 21 elementary schools into 20 facilities. Mr. Schofield and I both wanted you to be aware of preliminary discussions regarding the fact that Jones Elementary is a prime candidate for this type of consolidation. A valid question may be, "Why Jones?" Here are some relevant facts:

- Jones Elementary projected FY 2011 enrollment is 350 students
- Hall County Schools has vacant elementary classroom space for 750+ students within five miles of Jones
- Jones facility built in 1949
- Projected savings to the district of over \$1 million annually
- Jones has current facility improvement needs of approximately \$350,000

No decision has been made. If our school board determines this is an option worth further investigation, a public meeting will be scheduled to gather community input. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Rest assured that regardless of the decision made, all Hall County students will have a positive and caring environment to attend school.

Sincerely,

Hank Ramey
Principal
Jones Elementary School