

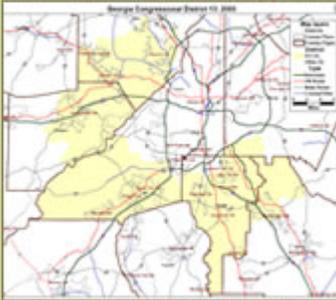


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13th DISTRICT UPDATE

TOP NEWS:

Congressman Scott Responds to the Clayton County Schools' Loss of Accreditation August 28



Congressman David Scott made the following statement about Clayton County Schools' loss of accreditation.

"I am extremely disappointed that SACS has chosen to repeal the Clayton County School System's accreditation and I urge an immediate appeal of this decision. Yesterday, a judge recommended that four

board members be removed due to mismanagement of the school system. I call on the Governor to immediately remove these four board members who refuse to resign and immediately move to install new board members. Only a new functioning board can address the 9 mandates that the current board refuses to address.

This is a sad situation that could have been averted. All nine mandates dealt with mismanagement at the school board level and unfortunately the board chose inaction rather than to protect the interests of the citizens of Clayton County. The loss of accreditation was not due to the quality of students or teachers, test scores, level of funding, or academics.

Some could say federal policies could do nothing to stop the mismanagement. Nonetheless, I am working to identify any ways in which I can assist Clayton County in order to prevent the loss of accreditation from occurring. Earlier this year, I contacted the leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education, as well as the U.S. Department of Education to alert federal officials of this crisis and I will renew those calls for assistance. I will help the new board in any way possible to build the top notch school system the residents of Clayton County expect and deserve."

[\[Get More Info / Atlanta Journal Constitution: Clayton's Fears are Realized\]](#)

Congressman Scott Praises House Passage of Higher Education Bill Scott's Legislation Included as Amendment August 1

The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 4137, the Higher Education Opportunity Act by a vote of 380-49. Included in H.R. 4137 is legislation introduced by Congressman Scott - the John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Act of 2007 (H.R. 916) - which passed the House on May 15, 2007 by a 341-73 vote.

"As an individual with a bachelor's degree will earn nearly \$20,000 more per year than a peer without, a college education continues to be the best path to the middle class. Unfortunately, the cost of tuition continues to rise faster than inflation," Congressman Scott said. "Our work today will help American students realize their long-term goals

by making a college education more affordable. By passing this bi-partisan legislation, we are also making the financial aid application process more simplified and less intimidating for students who might not otherwise pursue higher education.

[\[Get More Info / Clayton News Daily: Higher Education Bill on President's Desk\]](#)

Clayton News Daily | Scott Endorses New Energy Plan

August 28



U.S. Rep. David Scott (D-Ga.) praised the growing bipartisan support for would-be legislation to decrease the United State's dependence on foreign oil, while increasing renewable fuel alternatives.

"That's called leadership," said Scott, Wednesday. "I'm very supportive of that."

He is the latest of several U.S. lawmakers speaking out in support of the comprehensive New Energy Reform Act of 2008, also known as the New ERA.

On Tuesday, six U.S. Senators voiced their support of the New ERA, which is an energy proposal to reduce gas prices, lessen the country's dependence on foreign oil, and strengthen the nation's economy.

The New ERA includes provisions to help increase domestic production and fuel conservation. The proposal also includes consumer tax credits and incentives on alternative fuel vehicles, and calls for a concerted transition in the nation's motor vehicle fleets to fuels other than gasoline and diesel.

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Hundreds Receive Free Health Screenings at Fourth Annual 13th Congressional District Health Fair August 18



Congressman Scott thanks WSB-TV News Anchor, JaQuitta Williams for sharing her courageous fight against breast cancer with participants of the Fourth Annual 13th Congressional Health Fair

Congressman David Scott welcomed more than 1,500 constituents and 100 healthcare professionals and volunteers to the Fourth Annual 13th Congressional District Health Fair held Saturday, August 16, 2008 at Mundy's Mill High School in Clayton County.

"Each year I've continued to host a health fair to provide accessible healthcare to those who cannot afford to go to the doctor," said Congressman Scott. "I want them to know that even if they cannot afford to go to the doctor, they can come to Mundy's Mill High School every year and get all the tests they need for free. This year we were able to continue to build on the success of our first three health fairs by providing much-needed preventive screenings and by empowering and raising awareness around breast cancer and AIDS, which are two of the leading causes of death in African-American women. We were also able to increase the number of on site screenings and provide on site assistance for programs like Medicare, Medicaid, PeachCare, prescription drug assistance and veterans benefits."

[\[Get More Info / Clayton News Daily: Scott Health Fair Targets Breast Cancer\]](#)

In Other News:

MARTA Notice of Public Hearing

MARTA will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the proposed bus service modification:

Bus Routes 89 and 189 from the College Park Rail Station

SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Community Exchange

7:00 PM: Hearing

**Woods Memorial Baptist Church
5665 Old National Hwy.
College Park, GA 30349**

For a detailed description of the proposed modification, visit www.itsmarta.com/about/pubmeeting.htm or call MARTA's Customer Care Center at 404-848-5000.

Local Grant Awards

The U.S. Department of Transportation

- *Clean Fuels Grant Program - \$2,587,000*
- *Bus and Bus Facilities- \$5,866,000*

What's Happening in Congress?

Currently on the House Floor

Keep track of the latest developments and votes on legislation being considered in the House.

⌘ [Current Proceedings](#)

Weekly Senate Schedule

See what bills and what amendments will be discussed in the Senate this week, courtesy of the Senate's official website.

⌘ [Senate Calendar](#)

Legislative News:

Legislative Outlook

- ⌘ Congress will return from the August District Work Period on Monday, September 8, 2008. Upon doing so there will be an ambitious legislative agenda to complete, including but not limited to:
 - FY2009 Department of Defense Authorization
 - FY2009 Appropriations Legislation
 - A comprehensive energy package
 - A possible second economic stimulus package
 - Flood insurance reform
 - Passenger rail modernization



