



## General Insurance Cost Drops for More Coverage

Marion County Public Schools is getting a break when it comes to property insurance — about a 25 percent drop in premium.

School board members approved the plan which costs \$1.7 million less but offers more coverage than last year.

Next year's general insurance cost is \$5.1 million, down from \$6.8 million this current year. It provides coverage for such things as property, boiler & machinery, auto and general liability, excess worker's comp, financial liability, and crime.

On a separate but related note, the cost of the Employee Assistance Plan (EAP) is also going down.

The 37-cent decrease per employee will save the district \$31,453. The EAP offers employees and their dependents counseling and other referral services.

## ALERTnow Renewed for '08-'09

Parents, students, and employees count on the ALERTnow telephone service for important information. Now, that service continues for the next year.

School board members approved a \$105,000 contract for unlimited use of the communication system. Schools use it to improve communication with their communities for routine announcements while the district uses ALERTnow in crisis situations and for district-wide messaging.

The price is based on a renewable contract discounted for the district. Just this school year, the system delivered 1,543 different messages. The system also provides daily attendance calls to students marked with an unexcused absence.

## Donations

**Forest High** receives \$17,000 from its Football Boosters.

**MTI** receives two used cars valued at \$3,740 for its automotive tech program.

**Stanton-Weirsdale** receives \$2,000 from Kenneth & Mildred Gammons Charitable Foundation



*Kaylin Ricks (featured in both photos) created the winning lunch menu in a recent Food Services contest coordinated by April Liles (left). The youngster was honored for her work and even received a bicycle for her efforts (pictured with Principal Don Raymond, right)..*

## Next School Board Meeting—June 24, 6PM

PREVIEW—Will school board members approve a new charter with the McIntosh Area School?

School Board Action	Status
Gasoline, Fuel Oil and Biodiesel for '08-'09 — \$4.73 million	✓
2008-2011 Technology Plan	✓
Furniture for Vanguard High — \$212,374	✓
April payroll for MCPS — \$17.1 million	✓

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