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**PRESS CONFERENCE MONDAY: COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS,  
CITIZENS FED UP WITH DEKALB COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND  
CRAWFORD LEWIS**

***DEKALB COUNTY GA*** – Parents, Students and Community Activists will unite at the DeKalb School Board meeting to be held at **5:00 PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup> AT ARABIA MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL, 6610 BROWNS MILL RD.**

Recent news headlines regarding failing AYP, cheating and grade changing, bullying, millions of tax dollars being eaten up in legal fees, and the lack of public inclusion (just to name a few) has many citizens angry and some even ready to call for the resignation DeKalb County School Superintendent, Dr. Crawford Lewis. “The community must unite for a common cause and if that cause is the resignation of Crawford Lewis, so shall it be,” said Willie Pringle a parent who’s child attends Chapel Hill Middle School. A group consisting of community activists and parents that met on Wednesday night agreed. “My sons spirit cannot rest until justice is served,” said Masika Bermudez at the meeting.

Many are slated to speak at Monday’s press conference: **Masika Bermudez (Jaheem’s mother), Yeiralis Bermudez (Jaheem’s sister), Alice Brown (a parent from Dunaire Elementary), AJ Brown (Jaheem’s best friend), Community Activist, John Evans, Tim Franzen of the American Friends Service Committee, members from MACE/Teachers Advocate, Rev. Dr. Monique McMiller (son also attended Dunaire), Annette Davis Jackson (a vocal parent from Dekalb Elementary of the Arts) , Willie Pringle (a parent from Chapel Hill Middle School) and Gerald Rose (New Order Nation Human Rights Organization).**

“As chairman of MACE-The Teacher’s Advocate,” said Dr. John Trotter EdD, JD, “we have been speaking out against systematic cheating for a very long time. We have even filed grievances that were scheduled for hearing only to have State Senator Ronald Ramsey (who also serves as the DCSS’s internal affairs Director) cancel the hearing regarding cheating at Clarkston High School. There is a egregious lack of discipline (as it relates to bullies) within the Dekalb County School System that allows the bullies to run rampant within the schools.”

Attorney Gerald Griggs, who also called the Press Conference, says, “Bullying will not be tolerated on ANY level. If they (DCSS) think this problem will just be swept under the rug, they’re wrong. Jaheem Herrera’s legacy will live on. If its proof they want, we will give them the proof they need.”