



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** An audit conducted by the Office of Student Achievement found indications of possible test tampering in public school systems across the State, including Atlanta Public Schools (“APS”) and Dougherty County Public Schools; and
- WHEREAS:** The State Board of Education directed all relevant school systems to investigate whether and where actual test tampering occurred and report back to the State Board of Education; and
- WHEREAS:** The investigations conducted by APS and Dougherty County Public Schools were insufficient in scope and in depth; and
- WHEREAS:** The laws and Constitution of this State vest in me the chief executive powers and the duty to take care that the laws are faithfully executed, and confer upon me broad investigatory powers; and
- WHEREAS:** The Office of Student Achievement has requested that I direct an independent investigation into this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

- ORDERED:** That Michael J. Bowers and Robert E. Wilson are hereby appointed as special investigators into possible test tampering and any related issues in Atlanta Public Schools and Dougherty County Public Schools, in which capacity they shall have all investigatory powers granted to me or the Office of Student Achievement by Georgia law, including but not limited to those powers laid out in O.C.G.A. §§ 20-14-26, 45-15-17, and 45-15-19.

IT IS FURTHER

- ORDERED:** That Special Investigators Bowers and Wilson shall be assisted by Richard L. Hyde and others as designated by Bowers and Wilson or by future Executive Order.

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ORDERED:

That Special Investigators Bowers and Wilson shall be compensated out of available funds in a manner consistent with the executed engagement letters attached hereto as Exhibits A and B, respectively.

This 26th day of August, 2010.


GOVERNOR