



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 depth; and
- WHEREAS:** Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 20-14-26, 45-15-17, 45-15-19, on August 26, 2010, I signed an Executive Order appointing and ordering that Michael J. Bowers and Robert E. Wilson conduct an independent investigation into possible test tampering and any related issues in Atlanta Public Schools and Dougherty County Public Schools; and
- WHEREAS:** The August 26, 2010 Executive Order also Ordered that Michael J. Bowers and Robert E. Wilson be assisted in their independent investigation by Richard L. Hyde and others as designated by Bowers and Wilson, or by future Executive Order; and
- WHEREAS:** I find that the scope and depth of the investigation into possible test tampering and related issues at the Atlanta Public Schools and Dougherty County Public Schools creates an unusual circumstance under O.C.G.A. § 35-3-8.1, such that it is necessary that Bowers and Wilson have additional assistance from the State to conduct their independent investigation as required by the August 26, 2010 Executive Order; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Bureau of Investigation's involvement is necessary for the prevention and detection of whether any laws of the State were violated.

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

ORDERED: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 35-3-8.1, the Director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall direct the bureau to assist Michael J. Bowers and Robert E. Wilson for the purpose of detecting possible criminal violations of this state relating to the alleged test tampering and any related issues in Atlanta Public Schools and Dougherty County Public Schools; and

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: The Director will determine the Georgia Bureau of Investigation resources that are necessary to assist Bowers and Wilson in their independent investigation.

This 13th day of October, 2010.



GOVERNOR