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December 8, 2006

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

On November 14, 2006, the Houston County Board of Education unanimously approved the request of Superintendent Danny Carpenter to name the Perry Elementary School complex the **Herman Ragin Center**. ", said Mr. Carpenter during the Board meeting.

Herman C. Ragin Sr., former Houston County teacher, coach, athletic director and principal, was born and raised in Perry. After graduating from the Perry Training School, he attended Johnson C. Smith University and received his Bachelor's degree in 1949. Mr. Ragin also earned a M.Ed. in Education Administration from Atlanta University. He taught in North Carolina before returning to his hometown to become the first black head football coach and athletic director in Houston County. He taught science and coached at the high school level from 1953 to 1964. In 1964, Ragin became the first principal at King's Chapel Elementary and remained there until his retirement in 1980.

The former Perry Elementary School houses several school system departments. It is located at 1200 Main Street in Perry. The formal dedication will be held next door at the Eric P. Staples board office located at 1100 Main Street in Perry, Georgia on **Sunday, January 14, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.**

This will be an unforgettable day in Perry, and the Board would be honored to have you and your family members as special guests. A bronze plaque of Mr. Ragin, featuring his bust and accomplishments, will be unveiled at the conclusion of the ceremony. Afterwards, light refreshments will be served and a tour of the Herman Ragin Center will be offered.

Please RSVP by January 5, 2007, either by calling (478) 988-6390 extension 10390 or by sending me an e-mail at [BMcLaughlin@hcbe.net](mailto:BMcLaughlin@hcbe.net). We look forward to honoring Mr. Ragin and hope that you can join us on this special day.

Sincerely,

Beth Conley McLaughlin  
Director, Community & School Affairs