Frequently Asked Questions Furlough Days

Question: Who will be furloughed?
Answer: All certified staff. PreK paraprofessionals and media paraprofessionals will also be furloughed 3 days since they are the only paraprofessionals who work more than 180 days. (Bright From the Start has reduced the PreK budget to reflect a 3 day furlough for Prek pp’s) 
*Due to scheduled orientation and scheduled professional learning activities, August 7 will be a furlough day.*

Question: When are the furlough days?
Answer: Tuesday, August 4, 2009
Friday, August 7, 2009
Monday, January 4, 2010

Question: How will this impact my pay check?
Answer: We will spread the 3 days over a 12 month period to lessen the financial impact.
(approximately $44/month for T4 beginning teacher and approximately $76/month for T5 with 22 years experience)

Question: Whose idea is it to implement the furlough days?
Answer: Governor Sonny Perdue implemented the furloughs. While he has left the choice of whether to furlough these days and whom to furlough to local school systems, Governor Perdue has made it abundantly clear that he will not reimburse school systems the state funds for the 3 days of pay for all staff. With the local school system financial situation considered, it is not feasible for the local school system to absorb this funding loss. SCSS will lose $298,828 in teacher pay and $570,043 for the 3% cut.

Question: Could there be additional furlough days?
Answer: Yes, additional furlough days as mandated by the Governor, legislation, or State Board of Education for remainder of the year is a strong possibility.

Question: What is the schedule for the two preplanning days?
Answer: The principals will notify you of the new schedule. Preplanning will begin August 5th.

Question: How will this affect my retirement?
Answer: This is to be determined by TRS and the state department of education.