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"Where Everybody Is Somebody"

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Congressman Barrow presents computers to Hancock County Schools

Sparta, GA – Georgia's 12th Congressional District Congressman John Barrow made a visit to Sparta on Monday, November 2 to present some much needed technology equipment to the Hancock County School District.

Congressman Barrow presented a donation of twenty-five notebook computers and accessories. The items were made possible by Computers for Learning (CFL), which is a program guide for implementing Executive Order 12999, Educational Technology: Ensuring Opportunity for all children in the 21st century. The CFL website enables schools and educational nonprofit organizations to obtain excess computer equipment from federal agencies.

The donation was a result of an initiative by Board of Education Chairman Herbert Monroe, Ben George Chief of Staff for the Senate Democratic Caucus, Regina D. Harden, Congressional Services Representative, the office of Congressman Robert Brown, State Senator Gail Buckner and Congressman John Barrow.

Although the equipment is slightly used, the original purchase cost of the items was valued at over \$25,000.00. On hand for the presentation was Board of Education Chairman Herbert Monroe, Board member Ruby C. Clayton, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Awanna Leslie, Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Bettye Richardson, Lewis Elementary School Principal Stephanie Birdsong, Media Specialist Sandra Abad, Ms. Lillie Stewart, District Technology Director Ernest Warren, District Technology Specialist Jamey Fields and a host of students from Lewis Elementary School.