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CEO ELLIS REACHES SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME WITH GEORGIA RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION

DeKalb Kids to Swim in State Meet

DECATUR – CEO Burrell Ellis announced today that the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association has granted the county’s appeal and will allow 67 swimmers from DeKalb County to participate in the state championship meet scheduled for July 24 and 25, 2009 in Carrollton, Georgia. CEO Ellis reached out to the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association officers and board members yesterday and today to request an appeal on behalf of the swimmers. CEO Ellis was notified at approximately 4 p.m. today that the original ruling had been overturned and DeKalb swimmers would be allowed to participate.

“We are extremely grateful that GRPA officials reconsidered their position regarding the participation of our children,” said CEO Ellis. “I am aware that our Parks and Recreation officials did not meet GRPA deadlines, but our children should not be penalized for their mistakes. Our kids were victorious today and I expect them to do extremely well in the upcoming competition. On behalf of the 720,000 citizens that call DeKalb County home, I want to thank the members of the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association for allowing our swimmers to compete this weekend. We appreciate their willingness to work with us and I have pledged that DeKalb County will cooperate fully with the rules and regulations of their organization going forward,” said CEO Ellis.

Though GRPA reconsidered their decision, DeKalb County will be required to pay a \$200 late fee and additional fees associated with other penalties by GRPA.

For more information regarding the state swim meet, please visit www.grpa.org.

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