



## **Deposit Elementary School Site Based Team Meeting Minutes**

November 9, 2009

The committee met on Monday, November 9 from 4:30 – 5:30. Those present were: Abby Stevens, Denise Smith, Denise Cook, Mary Ellen Decker, and Cheryl Cooney

- The team reviewed the past discussion regarding retention to bring new members up-to-date. The team continued the discussion by reviewing current literature on social promotion and retention. Research indicates that neither retention nor social promotion is an effective practice. The team agreed that retaining a student is a last resort effort and should only be considered for students with certain characteristics.
- The team examined the profiles of previously retained students to look for commonalities, and created a list of characteristics that would lead to an “effective” retention (developmental ability does not match curriculum expectations, lack of independence).
- For the next meeting, the team will continue the discussion regarding retention characteristics, and will review in-house data. The team will also examine the retention policies of other districts and begin creating a policy for DES.