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**Former Mayor Serves as Principal at Jackson Elementary.**

**Atlanta, GA:** On Tuesday, October 28, former mayor Sam Massell, president of the Buckhead Coalition, added a new title to his esteemed resume: Principal for the Day. Mr. Massell visited Warren T. Jackson Elementary School in Buckhead, where he took part in a day filled with school tours, class visits, teacher and PTA meetings, and student Q & A sessions. At the end of the school day, Mr. Massell expressed his gratitude and school pride with a generous \$1,500 check, on behalf of the Buckhead Coalition, to help the school in its goal of providing an interactive white board in each classroom. “Mr. Massell was so impressed with our school and its students,” exclaimed Dr. Lorraine Reich, Jackson’s full-time principal, “his praise would have been enough. But a surprise donation toward enhancing our school’s technology...he gets my vote for Teacher of the Year!”

Interactive white boards are just one measure the school is focused on attaining in its mission to technically advance the school’s learning environment. Other recent upgrades include 430 Thin Client computers (bringing Jackson to a ratio of 1 computer for every 2 students), and six new interactive white boards interspersed throughout the grades.

*Warren T. Jackson Elementary School, a member of the Atlanta Public Schools System, has earned top-tier recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School, a Georgia School of Excellence, and an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. Located in the Buckhead section of Atlanta, Jackson Elementary focuses on a progressive balance of providing aggressive academics together with advancing a child’s character education. Through a variety of programs and events (often philanthropic and ecological in nature), Jackson students are encouraged to become inquirers both in the classroom and in the world at large. For more information, visit [www.wtjackson.org](http://www.wtjackson.org).*