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Columbia Public Schools Opening Day

Columbia, MO—The Columbia School District today experienced an excellent opening day. Reports from individual schools indicate that teachers and students were well prepared for the first day of classes. District administrators will be working this week to resolve any issues related to class sizes and transportation.

Attached is a summary by grade levels of the first day of school enrollments for the school district. Total enrollment for the school district is 17,381. This number is based upon data for the first day of classes and reflects an increase of 74 students compared to the first day of the 2008-09 school term.

It should be noted that this number is unofficial; the official enrollment number is computed on the fourth Wednesday of September as required by the state of Missouri.

Students new to the district continue to register for classes, and it is anticipated that new registrations will continue over the next several days.

**Columbia Public Schools
2009-10 First Day of School Enrollment
August 24, 2009**

School	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Benton		28	31	31	36	46	30	202
Blue Ridge		83	75	71	72	85	78	464
Cedar Ridge		32	37	23	41	34	35	202
Derby Ridge		97	115	116	105	122	107	662
Fairview		96	93	83	89	103	66	530
Field		49	55	48	53	44	36	285
Grant		60	44	42	56	54	50	306
Lee		62	68	42	48	55	57	332
Midway Heights		65	36	37	53	50	52	293
Mill Creek		125	120	131	144	132	120	772
New Haven		55	46	51	46	36	37	271
Parkade		66	86	69	64	59	65	409
Paxton Keeley		110	112	119	107	121	114	683
Ridgeway		46	44	43	44	44	37	258
Rock Bridge		94	74	80	78	79	66	471
Russell Blvd.		94	103	74	104	77	82	534
Shepard Blvd.		112	104	97	90	100	75	578
Two Mile Prairie		51	59	54	51	58	50	323
West Blvd.		53	49	54	32	42	41	271
Center for Gifted Ed.					5	6	4	15
Early Childhood Spec. Ed.	36							36
Title I Preschool	486							486
Total K-5	522	1,378	1,351	1,265	1,318	1,347	1,202	8,383

School	6	7	8	9	10			Total
Gentry Middle	450	365						815
Lange Middle	364	430						794
Smithton Middle	456	450						906
Jefferson Jr.			401	419				820
Oakland Jr.			389	369				758
West Jr.			448	457				905
Douglass			2	13				15
JJC/Alternative				2				2
Total 6-9	1,270	1,245	1,240	1,260				5,015

School				9	10	11	12	Total
Hickman					659	671	682	2,012
Rock Bridge					620	609	609	1,838
Douglass					35	40	58	133
Total 10-12					1,314	1,320	1,349	3,983

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