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**NCSS Receives Award for
100% Participation in 2009 Relay for Life!**



(l-r): Almond Turner, NCSS School Board; Cathy Dobbs, Vice-Chair, NCSS School Board; Becky Byrum, Newton County Relay for Life; Eddie Johnson, NCSS School Board; Dr. Steve Whatley, NCSS Superintendent; and Johnny Smith, NCSS School Board.

At the October 20, 2009 Board of Education work session, Newton County School Superintendent Dr. Steve Whatley and members of the school board accepted an award on behalf of the school district from Becky Byrum of the Newton County Relay for Life program for having 100% school participation in the 2009 Relay for Life Program. Each school in the district participated in the 2009 Relay for Life and overall, Newton County School System raised approximately \$110,250 in the fight against cancer!

“That’s an incredible amount,” said Brian Burgoyne of Newton County Relay for Life. “The 2009 Newton County Relay for Life raised \$274,000 and the school system brought in over \$110,000 of that.”

“Almost everyone has been touched by cancer in some way or another,” said Dr. Dennis Carpenter, Deputy Superintendent for Newton County Schools. “When you combine these life experiences with the overall caring nature of educators, it’s not surprising how committed our faculty and staff members are to worthy causes such as Relay for Life. I am extremely proud of our district’s efforts in this area.”
