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Pictured left to right — SCES Principal Jacquie James; Linda Stringer, Ala. Dept. of Education; and CCHS Principal Kevin Howard.

Local principals participate in Pilot Program in York

YORK — Jacquie James, Principal of Southern Choctaw Elementary, and Kevin Howard, Principal, of Choctaw Co. High School, recently participated in an Ala. Department of Education pilot program entitled Protocol for Conducting Instructional Reviews. The three-day session was held Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1 at Sumter Co. High in York.

Using scores on the various indicators in the Essential Elements will allow school personnel to gauge their progress toward meeting "proficiency" in the nine

observed areas. In addition to checking effectiveness in curriculum, instruction, classroom assessment, and professional development, the review process can also provide data on how well the school is doing by looking at indicators in the focus areas of school culture, student, family, and community support, leadership, organizational structure and resources, and comprehensive and effective planning.

Additionally, an overall look at how the school staff and administrators, along with the central office, are imple-

menting and monitoring a comprehensive school improvement plan will help present a picture of successful teaching and learning that will be useful in any school. The instructional review team gathers evidence through observations, interviews, and document reviews. Reviewers record only what is actually seen using a pre-defined set of "look-fors" to bring clarity to the review.

This triangulation of data assists a review team in developing an accurate "snapshot" of the school's entire instructional program.



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These students at SCHS participated in 'Hats On for Children with Cancer' day.

SCHS holds fund-raiser for children's cancer research

By Hope Ratcliff
SCHS Journalism staff

GILBERTOWN — Southern Choctaw High School's Sr. Beta Club devoted January 30, 2007, as a "Hats On For Children with Cancer" day.

Everyone who wanted to participate paid a dollar

and wore a hat for the day. All the proceeds went to a cancer association for children. The class who raised the most money was Mrs. Patricia Jones's first-period English class.

Cancer is a scary and lonely thing to go through and only 75% of kids with cancer survive. More than

12,400 children are diagnosed with cancer each year. Cancer research is hindered because of lack of financial aid. Persons who would like to donate to this cause can get in touch with the cancer association by logging on to www.childrenwithcancer.com.



SCHS holds spelling bee

GILBERTOWN — Quinta Goines, left, was the winner of the Spelling Bee at Southern Choctaw High School. Brittany Anderson, right, was the First Runner-Up.

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