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# Superintendent's Report To the Baltimore County Board of Education

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October 5, 2010

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Since the September Board meeting, here are some of the good news items that Baltimore County Public Schools has been proud to announce:

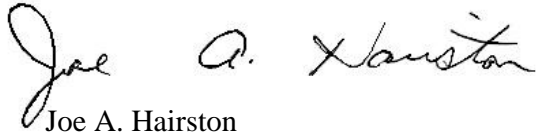
- Eastern Technical High School became our 12<sup>th</sup> school and first high school to be named a National Blue Ribbon School.
- Sudbrook Magnet Middle School was one of only five schools in the nation to receive The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts National Schools of Distinction in Arts Education Award.
- Twenty-three students were named National Merit semifinalists, and six others were named National Achievement semifinalists.
- Artwork by seven students is featured among the 37 pieces of artwork and writing in the "Maryland High School Artists: A Juried Exhibit," at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.
- Carney Elementary School and Kenwood High School were honored by the Character Education Partnership and the Maryland Center for Character Education at Stevenson University.
- Five middle schools – Deep Creek, Dundalk, Lansdowne, Southwest Academy, and Stemmers Run – were selected to participate in a three-year partnership with NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.
- Vincent Farm Elementary School Principal Anne Gold will be one of 63 National Distinguished Principals to be honored during a two-day event to be held next week in Washington, D.C.

In addition, I was honored to participate in the NBC television network's historic Education Nation Summit last week.

These recognitions are especially noteworthy because collectively they represent an organization that is focused on quality and committed to excellence. They reflect a school system dedicated to preparing students for success in college, careers, and life.

A new report from the College Board Advocacy & Policy Center shows that this is more important than ever. According to the "Education Pays 2010" report, people with college degrees earn more and are far less likely than others to experience unemployment, and the gaps in unemployment rates and earnings are widening. The College Board reports, "While unemployment has risen for both groups during the economic downturn, from 2005 to 2009 the difference between the unemployment rates for those with a bachelor's degree and those with a high school diploma increased from 2.3 to 5.1 percentage points. In 2008, four-year college graduates earned nearly \$22,000 more than those with just a high school diploma (\$55,700 vs. \$33,800). The earnings of college graduates increased more rapidly from 2005 to 2008 than the earnings of high school graduates."

The message is clear that it is imperative for our school system to continue building on its legacy of success and to keep strong our college-bound culture.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe A. Hairston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "A." before the last name.

Joe A. Hairston  
Superintendent

## **Review of Superintendent's Calendar**

### *Past*

- 9/8            **Met with Baltimore Sun Opinions Editor Andy Green and the Sunpapers Editorial Board, Sunpapers Offices**
- 9/10           **Met with Robert Embry of the Abell Foundation**
- 9/15           **Addressed principals at Principals' Meeting, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 9/15           **Participated in Inspiring Principals Meeting, Cockeysville Middle School**
- 9/17           **Met with State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Grasmick and Community College of Baltimore County President Dr. Kurtinitis on dual degree program, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 9/17           **Hosted and addressed meeting of the Deans of Education of area colleges and universities, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 9/18           **Received Decade of Distinction Award from Delegate Adrienne Jones at the Baltimore County African American Festival, downtown Towson**
- 9/20           **Visited Milford Mill High School, Reisterstown Elementary School, and Chesapeake High School**
- 9/20           **Interviewed by Liz Bowie, The Baltimore Sun**
- 9/23           **Participated in the Children's Cancer Foundation Bowl-a-Thon kickoff, Educational Support Services Building, Room 123**
- 9/24           **Offered remarks at the Ben Carson Reading Room grand opening, Jacksonville Elementary School**
- 9/27-28       **Participated in NBC television network's Education Nation Summit, New York City**
- 10/1           **Participated in Council of Urban Boards of Education Conference, Renaissance Harborplace Hotel**

10/2 **Spoke to students at Baltimore County Student Councils Annual Leadership Workshop, Camp Ramblewood, Darlington**

*Upcoming*

10/6 **To offer greetings to high school principals at workshop on “Improving Students’ SAT and AP Performance,” Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**

10/6 **To meet with Superintendent’s Student Advisory Board, Greenwood**

10/7 **To meet with Dr. David Wilson, President, Morgan State University, Greenwood**

10/7 **To participate in Jim Smith Team Reception**

10/7 **To offer greetings at Books of Character Book Club kickoff, Barnes and Noble Towson**

10/8 **To attend Essex-Middle River-White Marsh Chamber of Commerce Principals’ Breakfast, Carson’s Creekside Restaurant**

10/8 **To participate in Teacher of the Year Gala, Martin’s West**

10/9 **To offer opening remarks at “Beyond the Bricks” conference, Morgan State University Student Center**

10/10 **To attend NAACP Awards Dinner, Martin’s West**

10/11 **To visit schools**

10/13 **To participate in reception honoring Eastern Technical High School as a National Blue Ribbon School, Old Courthouse, Towson**

10/13 **To participate in Kids Helping Hopkins Kick-off, Windsor Mill Middle School**

10/15 **To offer greetings and receiving the Administrator of the Year Award at MAEOP Annual Conference, Martin’s Hunt Valley Mansion, Cockeysville**

10/17 **To present plaques at Marching Band Showcase, Unitas Stadium, Towson University**

10/17 **To participate in Save a Limb bike ride for Sinai orthopedics, Oregon Ridge**

10/18 **To visit schools**

- 10/20 **To attend Baltimore County Community Conservation Awards Ceremony, Hunt Valley Marriott, The Maryland Room**
- 10/20 **To participate in Baltimore County Public Schools Education Foundation Meet & Greet, The Suburban Club**
- 10/21 **To visit schools**
- 10/21 **To participate in PTA Fall Reception and Workshops, New Town High School**
- 10/22 **To participate in Baltimore County Public Schools Partner Network event with County Executive Jim Smith**
- 10/25 **To greet teachers visiting from the United Kingdom, Greenwood**
- 10/27-29 **To co-chair College Board Forum, Washington, D.C.**
- 11/3 **To visit schools**
- 11/3 **To meet with Superintendent's Student Advisory Board, Greenwood**
- 11/4 **To greet support personnel participating in professional development activity, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 11/5 **To visit schools**
- 11/5 **To participate in Maryland Legislative Black Caucus higher education panel discussion, Annapolis**
- 11/8 **To visit schools**