
Superintendent's Report To the Baltimore County Board of Education

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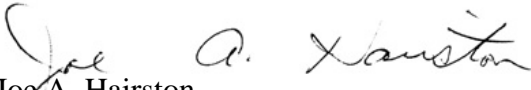
Throughout the year, but especially during the summer, I share with my executive staff some of the books that influence my thinking. This summer, I am asking my staff to read *Future Shock* by Alvin Toffler. Originally published in 1970, *Future Shock* includes some accurate predictions about life in the 21st century. One of the real values of the book, however, is that it forces the reader to consider how fast our world changes. It is a powerful reminder of the importance of anticipating and preparing for the future.

Knowing how much has changed in the past 30 years underscores why we need to do more to help students prepare for their future. None of us can exactly predict what the future will be like, but we do know that it will be global, technological, and fast-paced, and we do know that our students need stronger math, science, and communications skills than ever before. They will also need to possess a spirit of possibility to help them recognize and leverage all of the opportunities ahead.

As a reminder, at our last meeting we heard from June Streckfus, who heads the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education, an organization of Maryland's top business leaders. These leaders are prepared to stand with educators as they provide support and advocacy for continuous advancement of academic rigor and student achievement.

This evening, we will be looking ahead again as we hear a special presentation about recommendations from the Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure – or BRAC – Commission. Brigadier General Michael Hayes (USMC Retired), director of Military and Federal Affairs for the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, will share with us some of the opportunities and possibilities that will be created as our community evolves in response to implementation of these recommendations.

I would like to yield the remainder of my time this evening to General Hayes.


Joe A. Hairston
Superintendent

Review of Superintendent's Calendar

Past

- 5/10 **College Access Program Press Conference, Dundalk High School library**
- 5/10 **Board of Education National Merit and Ethics Awards Ceremony,
Cockeysville Middle School**
- 5/11 **PSSAM State Superintendents' Meeting, Anne Arundel County Board of
Education**
- 5/11 **Dundalk Middle School Honor Roll Student Dinner**
- 5/12 **Virginia Tech Graduate School Commencement Exercises (receiving
Graduate Alumni Award),**
- 5/15 **McCormick Unsung Heroes Banquet, Marriott Hunt Valley Inn**
- 5/17 **Principals' Meeting, Timonium Holiday Inn**
- 5/17 **Celebration honoring AVID seniors, Merrick Lecture Hall and Rosenberg
Gallery, Goucher College**
- 5/18 **Offering remarks at Baltimore County Department of Aging Volunteer
Luncheon, Martin's West**
- 5/18 **County Council Budget Work Session on BCPS budget, 400 Washington
Avenue, Towson**
- 5/18 **Offering remarks at STEM Parent Information Night for secondary schools,
Woodlawn High School**
- 5/19 **Baltimore County Public Schools Teacher of the Year Award Ceremony,
ESS Board Room**
- 5/19 **Carney Elementary School's 40th Anniversary Learning Celebration**
- 5/20 **Offering remarks at BCPS Elementary Science, Technology, Engineering,
and Mathematics (STEM) Fair Open House and Awards Program,
Randallstown High School**
- 5/22 **Children's Cancer Foundation Awards Assembly, Perry Hall Middle School**

Upcoming

- 5/24 **Public Hearing on FY 08 Capital Budget, ESS Board Room**
- 5/25 **County Council adoption of FY 07 Budget, Council Chambers**
- 5/25 **Baltimore County's Alliance of Black School Educators Awards, ESS**
- 5/30 **Carver Center for Art and Technology graduation, Goucher College, Kraushaar Auditorium**
- 5/31 **Offering greetings at Ridge Ruxton graduation ceremony**
- 5/31 **Franklin High School graduation, McDaniel College**
- 6/1 **Dulaney High School graduation, Towson University, Towson Center**
- 6/2 **Northrop Grumman Engineering Scholars Awards Dinner, Historical Electronics Museum**
- 6/3 **Liberty-Randallstown Community Fair, Milford Mill Academy**
- 6/4 **Presenting check at Hopkins Telethon**
- 6/6 **Owings Mills Corporate Roundtable, Baltimore Life Companies, Owings Mills**
- 6/7 **K-16 Leadership Council, University of Maryland**
- 6/8 **Windsor Mill tour**
- 6/8 **Recognition of *Newsweek's* Top 1,000 High Schools, County Executive's Office**