
Superintendent's Report To the Baltimore County Board of Education

July 11, 2006

This summer, like every other, Baltimore County Public Schools staff members are engaged in comprehensive preparations for the new school year, enhancing curriculum and processes to increase academic rigor for all of our students.

Last month, just after the school year ended, principals and administrators gathered for our annual Principals' Academy, a conference designed by principals, for principals, to provide peer support and guidance in the critical role of school leadership.

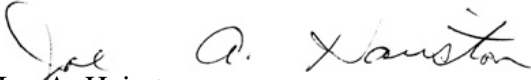
Beginning last Wednesday and continuing throughout the month, educators from across Baltimore County are involved in more than 90 workshops aimed at developing and refining curriculum. Tomorrow, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the public is invited to an open house at Towson High School to speak with the teachers, workshop leaders, and administrators, who are serving as curriculum developers.

During the last two weeks of this month, elementary school teachers will participate in the annual Elementary Summer Science Institute, on all three campuses of The Community College of Baltimore County. These sessions will strengthen teachers' knowledge of life science, chemistry, physics, earth/space science, and environmental science, and will enhance their ability to use technology to support science instruction in elementary school classrooms.

Summer preparations will culminate in August with the New Teacher Induction and Administrative and Supervisory Meeting as well as the Fall Professional Study Day for art teachers. Held at Walters Art Museum for elementary school teachers and at Patapsco High and Center for the Arts for middle and high school teachers, this day will showcase new curriculum and model programs.

Those are just some of the highlights. In addition to these activities, our facilities department is busy with final preparations for opening Windsor Mill Middle School and completing maintenance and renovation projects systemwide. Schools are busy enrolling students. And still more staff are still in classrooms, teaching students through activities such as the Dell TechKnow Camps, Summer Music Festival, Summer School, and Summer Art Enrichment Program.

All of these activities are designed to support our continued progress in fulfilling the vision of our *Blueprint for Progress* – ensuring that we educate all students and that we prepare all students for the opportunities ahead.


Joe A. Hairston
Superintendent

Review of Superintendent's Calendar

Past

- 6/15 **Chamber of Commerce Employer Award Event, Hayfields Country Club**
- 6/20-21 **Principals' Academy**
- 6/30 **Dell TechKnow graduation, Lansdowne High School**
- 7/11 **Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education Advisory Committee Meeting, Maryland State Department of Education**

Upcoming

- 7/12 **Offering greetings at Curriculum Workshop Breakfast, Towson High School**
- 7/18-22 **Education Research and Development Institute Conference, Denver**
- 7/26 **Offering opening remarks at Assistant Principal Training, Timonium Office**
- 8/15 **Offering remarks at New Teacher Induction, Randallstown High School**
- 8/18 **Presenting keynote address at Administrative and Supervisory Meeting, Loch Raven High School**