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

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This summer, as in past years, has been a period of intense preparation for administrators and staff of Baltimore County Public Schools. Staff members have been engaged in the Principals' Academy, New Teacher Induction, summer curriculum workshops, Elementary Summer Science Institute, Fine Arts Academy, Curriculum and Instruction and Business Services Retreat, and retreat for my executive staff.

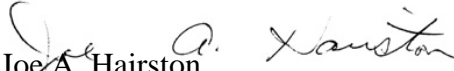
In addition to these activities, our facilities department has been busy with final preparations for opening Windsor Mill Middle School and completing maintenance and renovation projects systemwide. Schools have been busy enrolling students. And still more staff have been in our classrooms, teaching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

All of these activities 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. Anchored by these preparations, we are ready for another year of learning, discovery, and achievement in our schools.

I would also like to share that for the second year in a row, our Office of Purchasing has been awarded the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement by the National Purchasing Institute. This prestigious award is now the standard benchmark for excellence in public and non-profit procurement. The award is earned by those organizations that demonstrate excellence by obtaining a high score based on standardized criteria. The criteria are designed to measure innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership attributes of the procurement organization.

In addition, Baltimore County Public Schools has been recognized by the Maryland State Department of Education for being a recipient of both the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. As a result, MSDE has presented BCPS with a PRIDE: Maryland Public Schools certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting. PRIDE is a statewide initiative to honor students, faculty, parents, schools, and community members for their accomplishments in Maryland Public Schools. BCPS' success story will be featured on MSDE's web site and may appear in other PRIDE publications and materials.

Our achievements in the classroom are only possible because of the excellence of all those working behind the scenes to provide high-quality support to our teachers and principals.

  
Joe A. Hairston  
Superintendent

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

### *Past*

- 7/26      **Offering opening remarks at Assistant Principal Training, Timonium Office**
- 8/5      **Board of Education Summer/Fall Retreat**
- 8/7      **Curriculum and Instruction Meeting at Sheppard Pratt**
- 8/15      **Offering opening day remarks at New Teacher Induction, Randallstown High School**
- 8/17      **Offering closing day remarks at New Teacher Induction, Randallstown High School**
- 8/18      **Presenting keynote address at Administrative and Supervisory Meeting, Loch Raven High School**
- 8/19      **Minority Achievement Advisory Group Retreat at Maritime Institute of Technology and Training**
- 8/21      **Presenting opening remarks at the New Town High School Staff Breakfast**
- Presenting opening remarks at the Victory Villa Elementary School Faculty Luncheon**

### *Upcoming*

- 8/25      **Chamber of Commerce luncheon with Governor and Mrs. Ehrlich**
- 8/26      **2006 Baltimore County Football Jamboree at Dundalk High School**
- 8/28      **Opening day school visits**
- 8/31      **Participating in meeting of the Greater Baltimore Economic Forum, Mayor Martin O'Malley as guest speaker**
- Maryland Science and Technology Education Meeting at Maryland State Department of Education**
- 9/1      **Visits to Woodlawn High School, Woodlawn Middle School, and Chesapeake High School**
- Baltimore County Day Luncheon at Maryland State Fair**