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

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This evening I will yield most of my report time to Lyle Patzkowsky, principal of Dulaney High School. This fall, Dulaney High School became the first Baltimore County school to offer Chinese language instruction. Principal Patzkowsky will share more with us about this program, his two trips to China, and the partnership Baltimore County Public Schools is forging with education leaders in that country.

Before he speaks, however, I would like to mention two recent activities. On September 13, I joined Governor Robert Ehrlich and State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nancy Grasmick at Eastern Technical High School. We visited the school to congratulate students and staff on the school's outstanding performance on the English, algebra I, biology, and government High School Assessments (HSA). Eastern was the top performing high school in the county with nearly perfect passing rates and was the second highest performing high school in the state on the algebra I HSA. I commend the students and staff of Eastern for proving with those test scores – and through the countless awards they win – that when high achievement is a standard, quality education is possible, regardless of who you are or where you live. That is the point of our *Blueprint for Progress*, to emphasize that all children can achieve given appropriate instruction and supports.

The other event I want to mention is my first meeting of the school year with the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board. This meeting was wonderful, as all of my meetings with this board have been. These students are mature, confident, knowledgeable, and dedicated. Being with them always inspires me to work even harder to ensure that all of our students have the opportunity to fulfill their potential.



Joe A. Hairston  
Superintendent

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

### *Past*

- 9/7            **Lunch with High School Principals**
- 9/8            **Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland meeting in Charles County**
- 9/9            **Board of Education Retreat**
- 9/13          **Governor's visit to Eastern Technical High School**
- 9/13          **Student Advisory Board Meeting**
- 9/14          **Good News Ambassadors Kick-off**
- 9/14          **Lunch with Middle School Principals**
- 9/15          **Lunch with Elementary School Principals**
- 9/16          **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at the Minorities in Research Science Conference, Baltimore Convention Center**
- 9/18          **Lunch with Elementary School Principals**
- 9/18          **Meeting with Baltimore County Education Coalition**

### *Upcoming*

- 9/20          **K-16 Leadership Council Meeting, Maryland State Department of Education**
- 9/20          **Principals Meeting, Timonium Holiday Inn**
- 9/20          **Science Meeting with Towson University and Morgan State University**
- 9/20          **Board Work Session on FY 2008 Capital Budget**
- 9/21          **Educational Advisory Board Meeting**
- 9/21          **Lunch with Elementary School Principals**
- 9/21          **Bowl-A-Thon Kickoff**
- 9/25          **Meeting with SAT Coordinators**

- 9/26            **Opening Remarks at Safe Schools Conference, Timonium Holiday Inn**
- 9/26            **Presentation at Hunt Valley Rotary Meeting**
- 9/26            **County PTA Fall Reception, New Town High School**
- 9/27            **Opening Remarks at Safe Schools Conference, Timonium Holiday Inn**
- 9/27            **Meeting with Elementary School Principals**
- 9/27            **Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council Pre-Budget Meeting, Eastern  
Technical High School**
- 9/28-29        **Scholastic Superintendents' Leadership Summit in New York**
- 9/29            **Greetings at the Baltimore County Student Councils Leadership Workshop,  
Camp Ramblewood**