
Superintendent's Report To the Baltimore County Board of Education

October 24, 2006

At this evening's Board of Education meeting, we are proud to present the Baltimore County Public Schools *2005-2006 Report on Results*. Each year we report to the Board and the community the success we realize as the result of our focus and commitment. I am very proud that each year for the past six school years we have made steady, significant progress in improving student achievement across the school system.

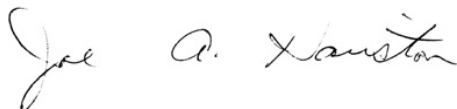
It is important for us to remember that the *Blueprint for Progress* and the *Results Report* are truly *ours*. When we first established a comprehensive program for student achievement six years ago, we did so prior to the mandates of Maryland's *Bridge to Excellence* and the Federal *No Child Left Behind Act*.

And when we brought forward the first *Report on Results* to our Board of Education and our community, we did so as a way to benchmark our progress and focus our continued effort, not because it was required of us by law or imposed on us by an outside entity. We have a guiding document and we report our progress so that we can continue to prioritize our objectives, focus our effort, and build budgets that allow us to create a steady, reliable upward trend in achievement.

Ultimately, however, education is about far more than statistics. It is about one person teaching another. It is about individuals discovering their strengths and interests, learning more about the world and their places in it, and preparing for their roles as leaders, workers, citizens, parents, and innovators.

What will continue to move Baltimore County Public Schools forward is retaining the intensity of our focus and the quality of our effort. Every day our teachers, students, administrators, staff, parents, volunteers, Board members, and supporters invest dedication, intelligence, skill, consistency, and creativity into the teaching and learning process.

I want to thank each one of you who is contributing to our progress and to urge all of you to maintain and increase the intensity and quality of your involvement. Together we can, and will, stand on our firm foundation and reach even higher.



Joe A. Hairston
Superintendent

Review of Superintendent's Calendar

Past

- 10/4-6 **Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) Conference, Ocean City**
- 10/6 **Maryland State Department of Education Teacher of the Year Celebration, Martin's West**
- 10/7-8 **National Federation of Urban-Suburban School Districts (NFUSSD) Conference, Greenville, North Carolina**
- 10/10 **Marching Band Showcase, Towson University**
- 10/11 **Meeting with Elementary School Principals**
- 10/11 **"The State of Education in Baltimore County" presentation at the annual Education Committee Luncheon of the Essex-Middle River-White Marsh Chamber of Commerce, Red Brick Station, The Avenue at White Marsh**
- 10/11 **Student Advisory Board Meeting**
- 10/12 **Georgia Chamber of Commerce Conference, Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor, Baltimore**
- 10/13-14 **Superintendents College Board/AVID Panel, Colorado Springs, Colorado**
- 10/16 **Windsor Mill Middle School Formal Dedication**
- 10/16 **Lunch with Elementary School Principals**
- 10/18 **Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities Awards Program, Timonium Holiday Inn**
- 10/18 **Principals Meeting, Timonium Holiday Inn**
- 10/20 **Maryland State Teachers Association Conference**
- 10/23 **Offering remarks at Good Neighbor Week Kickoff, Towson Sheraton**
- 10/24 **Offering greetings at the AVID Leadership Training Conference, Pikesville Hilton**

Upcoming

- 10/26 **Offering remarks at Kids Helping Hopkins Kickoff, Windsor Mill Middle School**
- 10/26 **PTA Fall Workshop, New Town High School**
- 10/27 **Offering welcoming remarks at Community College of Baltimore County – Baltimore County Public Schools Partnership Breakfast, Sheppard Pratt Conference Center**
- 10/27 **Disaster Recovery Site Press Tour, Professional Development Center**
- 11/1 **Lunch with new principals**
- 11/1 **Student Advisory Board Meeting**
- 11/2-3 **State Superintendents Retreat, Ocean City**
- 11/4 **Cancer Foundation Ball, Towson University**
- 11/6 **Presentation to Career and Technology Education Advisory Council**
- 11/8 **School visits with Jean Satterfield to Deep Creek Middle, Dundalk High, and Colgate Elementary schools**
- 11/9-12 **College Board Forum, San Diego**
- 11/13-17 **American Education Week**