
Superintendent's Report To the Baltimore County Board of Education

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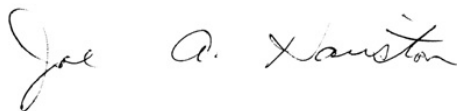
With the curriculum audit, budget preparation, and other activities, the last two weeks have been extremely busy and productive.

The results of the curriculum audit will be presented to the Board in March. I want to thank the Board, staff, and community for participating in this important process and for sharing materials, information, observations, and ideas. The fact that we initiated this audit and the way that we embraced this opportunity demonstrates our commitment to continuous improvement and our commitment to the students and families we serve.

At the next Board meeting, I will present my budget proposal for 2007-2008. This proposal will be based on the needs of our students and what is appropriate and required for their continued academic advancement. I urge parents and all who care about education to support this budget and to champion it through the approval process. Our students regularly take tests to prove that they comprehend their lessons; supporting appropriate funding for our schools is an annual test for all adults in Baltimore County.

Every month, I meet with the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board, and I always walk away from those meetings impressed by the intellect and ambition of these young people. Every month, I am also in the schools, visiting classrooms and talking with students and staff. These visits help reaffirm my purpose for being here. The young people in our schools – in all of our schools – are eager to learn, eager to believe, and eager to demonstrate their abilities.

It is our obligation to provide them with an effective, quality education so that they can fulfill their great promise and lead this county, this nation, and this world.



Joe A. Hairston
Superintendent

Review of Superintendent's Calendar

Past

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| 12/6 | K-16 Leadership Council Meeting, University of Maryland College Park,
American Center for Physics |
| 12/6 | Student Advisory Board Meeting |

- 12/8 **Interview with Gina Davis, *Baltimore Sun***
- 12/11 **Comcast Luncheon for Baltimore County Leaders, Liberatore's, Timonium**
- 12/11 **Presentation to Leadership Baltimore County, Community College of Baltimore County – Catonsville**
- 12/11 **Education Industry Initiative Steering Committee, Field House-Minnegan Room, Towson University**
- 12/12 **Dinner with the County Executive**
- 12/13 **Visits to Milford Mill Academy, Winand Elementary School, and Glyndon Elementary School with Area Assistant Superintendent Dr. Scott Gehring**
- 12/14 **Meeting of the Governor's Task Force to Study the Age of Compulsory Attendance in Maryland, Howard County Gateway Business and Technology Center**
- 12/15 **Visit to Windsor Mill Middle School with Area Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manual Rodriguez**
- 12/18 **High School Principals' Meeting, Community College of Baltimore County – Catonsville**

Upcoming

- 12/20 **Principals Meeting, Holiday Inn**
- 12/21 **Miramar Check Presentation at Glenmar Elementary School**
- 12/22 **Meeting with State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nancy Grasmick**
- 1/3 **County Executive's Legislative Roll-Out Breakfast, Old Courthouse**
- 1/5 **PSSAM/State Superintendent's Meeting, Anne Arundel County Board of Education**
- 1/5 **Essex-Middle River-White Marsh Chamber Education Awards Dinner, Martin's East**
- 1/6 **TABCO/BACE Legislative Breakfast (Holiday Inn Select – Timonium)**
- 1/8 **Visit to Chapel Hill Elementary School with Area Assistant Superintendent Bill Lawrence**
- 1/12 **Visit to Dundalk High School and Deep Creek Middle School with Area Assistant Superintendent Jean Satterfield**

- 1/13 **Fullwood Foundation Benefit and Recognition Breakfast, Martin's West**
- 1/15 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast, Martin's West**
- 1/17 **Principals Meeting, Holiday Inn**
- 1/18 **Educational Advisory Board, Villa Julie**
- 1/18 **PTA Council General Meeting**
- 1/20 **Board Retreat, Greenwood**