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

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This evening we will honor three Baltimore County schools commemorating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversaries this year.

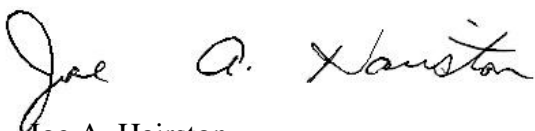
These three schools – Fifth District Elementary School, Prettyboy Elementary School, and Seventh District Elementary School – exemplify the strength of community-based schools throughout this county, state, and nation.

Community schools fulfill public education's role as a cornerstone of our democracy. By supporting excellence in all community schools – as our *Blueprint for Progress* compels us to do – we are ensuring equity and access to a high-quality education for all students and a brighter future for us all.

These schools are anchors for the neighborhoods they serve and are essential elements of the community identity. They offer educational as well as employment, civic, recreational, and social opportunities. They unite communities and celebrate their diversity.

Great schools not only enrich their communities, they are also nurtured *by* their communities. This is the case in all three of these schools. Partnerships between the schools and their students' families and between the schools and area businesses and organizations bring additional resources and strengthen the schools' effectiveness.

In celebrating Fifth District, Prettyboy, and Seventh District elementary schools, we honor all community schools and all of the many stakeholders who contribute to their enduring legacies.



Joe A. Hairston  
Superintendent

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

### *Past*

- 10/3-4      **Maryland Association of Boards of Education conference, Ocean City**
- 10/5      **Teacher of the Year Gala, Martin's West, Woodlawn**
- 10/8      **Superintendent's lunch and informal dialogue with elementary school principals, Greenwood Administration Building**
- 10/9      **Visits to Woodlawn High School and New Town High School**
- 10/10      **Superintendent's lunch and informal dialogue with elementary school principals, Greenwood Administration Building**
- 10/10      **Superintendent's Student Advisory Board meeting**
- 10/13      **Offered greetings at Fifth District Elementary School's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**
- 10/14      **Received leadership award at NAACP Event, Martin's West, Woodlawn**
- 10/15      **Presented remarks and helped launch a joint venture initiative with the business community at Essex-Middle River-White Marsh Chamber of Commerce Principals' Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn, White Marsh**
- 10/15      **Superintendent's lunch and informal dialogue with elementary school principals, Greenwood Administration Building**
- 10/16      **Kids Helping Hopkins Kickoff, Windsor Mill Middle School**
- 10/17      **Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities Luncheon and Awards Ceremony, Holiday Inn Select, Timonium**
- 10/18      **Superintendent's lunch and informal dialogue with elementary school principals, Greenwood Administration Building**
- 10/22      **Accepted computer donation from Edward St. John Foundation and Middle River Business Center, LLC**
- 10/22      **Superintendent's lunch and informal dialogue with elementary school principals, Greenwood Administration Building**
- 10/23      **Presented remarks at grand opening of First Federal Financial Credit Union student-run branch at Lansdowne High School**

***Upcoming***

- 10/24-10/26 **State Superintendent's Retreat, Ocean City**
- 10/29 **Superintendent's lunch and informal dialogue with high school principals, Greenwood Administration Building**
- 10/30 **To present comments regarding High School Assessments to the Maryland State Board of Education**
- 10/30 **Northrop Grumman Welcome Reception for Dr. Ronald Sugar, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Wes Bush, President and Chief Operating Officer, Linthicum**
- 10/31 **Good Neighbor Week Kickoff**
- 11/1 **Education Industry Symposium, sponsored by the Governor's Workforce Investment Board**