
Superintendent's Report To the Baltimore County Board of Education

April 22, 2008

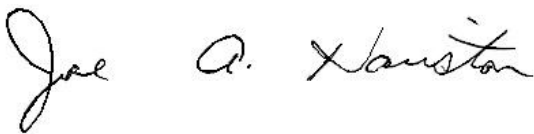
As I mentioned at the last Board of Education meeting, spring is a season when our schools, students, and staff often receive well-deserved recognition for their excellence.

At this evening's meeting, we will briefly acknowledge some of the recent national honors received by our staff. These and other honors are also celebrated on our web site, in our press releases, at Board of Education recognition events, and in our publications.

As I also discussed at the last Board meeting, my focus remains on securing funding of our proposed FY 2009 budget. On April 15, the County Executive presented to the Baltimore County Council a budget including a \$749.5 million general fund appropriation for BCPS.

While this budget request does not include an across-the-board cost-of-living increase for Board of Education employees, it does include step and longevity increases for eligible workers, helps cover rising health insurance costs, and maintains current teacher and other staffing levels – despite an anticipated decline in student enrollment. Following a period of review and public comment, the County Council will adopt an FY 09 budget sometime in May.

We must, as always, remain vigilant in monitoring this process to be certain that the best interests of our students are always at the forefront. Our students are counting on us.



Joe A. Hairston
Superintendent

Review of Superintendent's Calendar

Past

- 4/9 **Hosted Superintendent's Student Advisory Board meeting**
- 4/10 **Offered "Educational Vision for Baltimore County," as part of the Baltimore County League of Women Voters' Lecture Series, Towson Unitarian Universalist Church**
- 4/11 **Conducted staff retreat, Sheppard Pratt Conference Center**
- 4/14 **Spoke at Special Education Advisory Council meeting, ESS**
- 4/15 **Attended County Executive's Budget Message to Council, Baltimore County Council Chambers**
- 4/22 **Made presentation at environmental education field hearing sponsored by Congressman John Sarbanes, Patuxent Wildlife Refuge Center, Laurel**

Upcoming

- 4/23 **To present 1,000-Hour Volunteer Awards, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Timonium**
- 4/24 **To participate in Browning Family Memorial dedication, Cockeysville Middle School**
- 4/24 **To participate in Dundalk Chamber of Commerce Teacher Recognition Dinner, Martin's East**
- 4/25 **To make presentation to Maryland Business Roundtable Strategic Steering Committee**
- 4/26 **To attend 50th Anniversary Gala for Community College of Baltimore County, Martin's Valley Mansion**
- 4/28 **To participate in meeting of Maryland State Department of Education's Educational Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions**
- 4/29 **To present alternative governance plans to Maryland State Board of Education**

- 4/29 **To attend UMBC event, “An Honors University Honors Its Educators”**
- 4/30 **To bring greetings to the Career and Technology Education Student Recognition Dinner, Martin’s West**
- 5/1 **To attend MICCA Conference (on educational technology), Baltimore Convention Center**
- 5/1 **To offer greetings at Board of Education National Merit and Ethics Award Ceremony, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Timonium**
- 5/2 **To attend Lansdowne High Academy of Finance Awards Luncheon, Snyder’s Willow Grove Restaurant**
- 5/7 **To host monthly Superintendent’s Student Advisory Board meeting**
- 5/7 **To participate in BCPS Student Scholarship Award Ceremony**
- 5/8 **To offer brief greetings at TABCO/BACE Retirement/Recognition Dinner, Martin’s East**
- 5/9 **To participate in Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland meeting, Anne Arundel County Board of Education**
- 5/10 **To attend Randallstown Elementary School’s 100th Anniversary Celebration**