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

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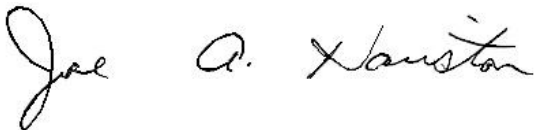
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This spring, like every other for the past several years, is filled with celebrations of the achievements of our students, staff, and supporters. Since the last Board meeting, I have helped honor our most dedicated volunteers, recognized teacher quality at the Dundalk Chamber of Commerce Teacher Recognition Dinner and yesterday's Teacher of the Year ceremony, and celebrated student academic and personal achievements at the annual Career and Technology Recognition Dinner and at the Board of Education's National Merit and Ethics Award Ceremony.

Our school system continues to be recognized nationally and even internationally for its excellence. In the past few weeks, I was invited to speak about Baltimore County Public Schools' progress in environmental education during a U.S. Congressional Field Hearing on the topic. Also highlighted during the event, in addition to Congressman John Sarbanes, Governor Martin O'Malley, and State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick, were Pot Spring Elementary School and its principal, Karen Harris. Covered by C-SPAN and other national media, this event supports our profile as a leader in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education.

I was also pleased to attend last week's MICCA Conference on educational technology and to be there as Thea Jones, our instructional technology coordinator, received a statewide award and where it was announced that she will be honored with the prestigious 2008 Outstanding Leader Award from the International Society for Technology in Education. This is an award that I was proud to receive in 2005. We will recognize Thea's achievement as a part of this Board meeting.

I would like to close this brief report with a reminder that the last day of this school year will be Wednesday, June 11 – three days earlier than originally scheduled. I know that everyone is busy making summer plans. In making those plans, I encourage everyone to remember the importance of *lifelong learning*.



Joe A. Hairston  
Superintendent

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

### *Past*

- 4/23           **Presented 1,000-Hour Volunteer Awards, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Timonium**
- 4/24           **Participated in Browning Family Memorial dedication, Cockeysville Middle School**
- 4/24           **Participated in Dundalk Chamber of Commerce Teacher Recognition Dinner, Martin's East**
- 4/25           **Made presentation to Maryland Business Roundtable Strategic Steering Committee**
- 4/26           **Attended 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala for Community College of Baltimore County, Martin's Valley Mansion**
- 4/28           **Participated in meeting of Maryland State Department of Education's Educational Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions**
- 4/29           **Presented alternative governance plans to Maryland State Board of Education**
- 4/30           **Brought greetings to the Career and Technology Education Student Recognition Dinner, Martin's West**
- 5/1             **Attended MICCA Conference (on educational technology), Baltimore Convention Center**
- 5/1             **Offered greetings at Board of Education National Merit and Ethics Award Ceremony, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Timonium**
- 5/2             **Attended Lansdowne High Academy of Finance Awards Luncheon, Snyder's Willow Grove Restaurant**
- 5/5             **Announced Baltimore County Public Schools Teacher of the Year for 2008-2009**

### *Upcoming*

- 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**
- 5/10           **To attend Randallstown Elementary School's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**
- 5/12           **To tour Vincent Farm Elementary School construction site**
- 5/12           **To participate in Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce Awards for Excellence in Education ceremony**
- 5/13           **To participate in "Towards 2014: Education Research on the Leading Edge of School Improvement Forum," Academy for Educational Development Conference Center, Washington, D.C.**
- 5/14           **To attend ribbon-cutting for Cockeysville Operations and Training Center**
- 5/14           **To offer keynote message at AVID Senior Reception, Community College of Baltimore County – Catonsville**
- 5/15           **To participate in County Council FY2009 Budget Work Session, Council Chambers, Towson**
- 5/16           **To induct new Baltimore County Student Councils officers, Oregon Ridge Center**
- 5/16           **To participate in 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Seventh District Elementary School**
- 5/17           **To bring greetings to She Matters Conference (for teen girls), New Town High School**