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

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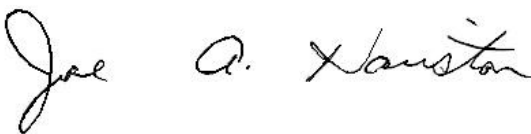
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On the first day of school, I was pleased to travel throughout the county with Board President JoAnn Murphy, Board Vice President Ed Parker, and Board members Fran Harris and Earnest Hines to witness the smooth start of another school year. We were encouraged to observe teachers and students quickly and eagerly getting back to the business of teaching and learning and particularly impressed at the variety technological tools already in use by teachers and students to support learning.

As of yesterday, Monday, September 8, our enrollment reached 104,028 students, which is slightly over our projection. The official enrollment count will be recorded on September 30. More information about the successful start of the school year can be found in the School Opening Report, attached as an information item to this evening's agenda packet and also available online.

This evening, the Board's Building and Contracts Committee reviewed plans for the new Towson West elementary school at its meeting prior to the Board meeting. This facility, designed to address overcrowding in Towson-area elementary schools, will be located on the campus of Ridge Ruxton School. Care has been taken to create a project that is conducive to learning for students as well as one that addresses community needs. All Board members received copies of the schematic design in their packets prior to this meeting, and it has also been – and remains – available on the Baltimore County Public Schools web site. We look forward to next steps as plans to accommodate growth and new opportunities in our school system move forward.



Joe A. Hairston  
Superintendent

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

### *Past*

- 8/13      **Offered welcoming remarks, New Teacher Orientation, Randallstown High School**
- 8/15      **Presented annual address at Administrative and Supervisory Meeting, Loch Raven High School**
- 8/20      **Shared greetings with school resource officers, along with County Chief of Police, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 8/21      **Offered greetings, TABCO Representatives' Training, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 8/23      **Visited Football Jamboree, Dundalk High School**
- 8/25      **Accompanied by Board President JoAnn C. Murphy, Board Vice President Ed Parker, and Board members Fran Harris and Earnest Hines, toured Summit Park Elementary School, Arbutus Middle School, Dundalk High School, Vincent Farm Elementary School, and Pinewood Elementary School on the first day for students throughout the county. Also joined by State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick at Summit Park Elementary School**
- 8/28      **Offered greetings at College Board Kick-off and Rigorous Instruction Workshop, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 8/29      **Visited Woodlawn High School and Imagine Discovery Public Charter School**
- 9/5        **Participated in meeting of Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland, Anne Arundel County Board of Education**
- 9/9        **Visited Cockeyville Middle School with Governor Martin O'Malley**

### *Upcoming*

- 9/11      **To offer greetings at kick-off event for Good News Ambassadors, New Town High School**
- 9/11      **To bring greetings to Baltimore County Public Schools/Community College of Baltimore County Partnership meeting, ESS Building**

- 9/11 **To participate in grand opening of the 2008 Maryland headquarters for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Hunt Valley Towne Center**
- 9/13 **To attend the Children's Cancer Foundation Celebrity Ball, Towson Center**
- 9/15 **To make school visits**
- 9/19 **To present at Principals' Meeting, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 9/23 **To bring greetings to Safe Schools Conference, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 9/24-25 **To participate in Maryland Association of Boards of Education Conference, Ocean City**
- 9/25-9/26 **To participate in Blackboard Conference, Washington, D.C.**
- 9/27 **To bring greetings to Baltimore County Student Councils Leadership Workshop, Camp Ramblewood, Darlington**
- 9/29 **To bring greetings to Rigorous Instruction Workshops (one for high school teachers and one for middle school teachers), Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**