
Superintendent's Report To the Baltimore County Board of Education

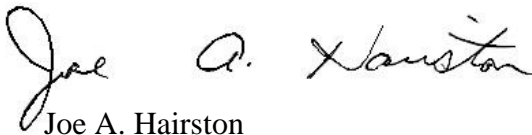
May 5, 2009

For my report this evening, I would like to share a handful of short items with you. First, I would like to thank the Baltimore County Health Department for guiding us and school system staff as we manage the H1N1 flu challenge. We are doing what we can to protect the health of students and employees, abide by federal, state, and local guidelines, and continue to offer quality educational services.

Second, our volunteers were honored at a special tea last month. Every year, more than 28,000 individuals volunteer in Baltimore County Public Schools – offering priceless services and expertise in support of teaching and learning. At the tea we honored those volunteers who contributed more than 1,000 hours of service during the past three years. And because so many of our volunteers contribute so many hours, this year we added special awards for those who contribute 2,500 hours or 5,000 hours or more over the course of three years. At the ceremony alone, honorees represented more than 230,000 hours of service to our school system over the past three years.

Next, I am proud to announce that Baltimore County Public Schools has received a cash award of \$148,484 in recognition of the high quality of our risk management programs. As a member of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education group insurance, we were eligible to apply for these funds. The application and review process looked overall at how we protect students, staff, finances, and property. Based on the assessment, each applicant could receive an award based on zero, three, or five percent of their annual premiums. The response to our application was that our program is “exemplary,” and we were awarded five percent of our premiums. Applying for this honor involved individuals from throughout the Division of Business Services, and our award reflects the overall quality of our business operations.

Finally, I would like to share that the BCPS story of our focus on quality and commitment to excellence was featured by the Panasonic Foundation in its *Strategies* magazine. I will yield the remainder of my time so that Chief Communications Officer Kara Calder can tell you more about this special recognition.



Joe A. Hairston
Superintendent

Review of Superintendent's Calendar

Past

- 4/22 **Brought greetings to 1,000 Hour Volunteer Tea, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 4/23 **Participated in RMI Board of Directors meeting with County Executive, AAI Corporation, Timonium**
- 4/23 **Attended Dundalk Chamber of Commerce 2009 Teacher Recognition Banquet, Martin's East**
- 4/24 **Participated in meeting of the Archdiocese of Baltimore Blue Ribbon Committee, Archbishop Curley High School, Baltimore**
- 4/28 **Attended Educators for Innovation Dinner with BCPS Teacher of the Year John Billingslea, Candlelight Inn, Catonsville**
- 4/29 **Attended Maryland Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame award ceremony (honoring June Streckfus and the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education), Hyatt Regency, Baltimore**
- 4/29 **Visited TechMania, Towson University**
- 4/30 **Attended PTA Council Recognition Awards, Loch Raven High School**
- 5/4 **Announced 2009 Baltimore County Public Schools Teacher of the Year, ESS Building**

Upcoming

- 5/6 **To host meeting of Superintendent's Student Advisory Board, Greenwood**
- 5/6 **To bring greetings to the Board of Education National Merit and Ethics Awards Ceremony, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 5/7 **Annual spring partnership luncheon with Baltimore County Community College President Dr. Sandra Kurtinitis and her staff, CCBC Essex, Administration Building**
- 5/7 **To attend TABCO/BACE Retirement and Recognition Dinner, The Mansion at Martin's East**

- 5/8 **To serve as the featured presenter during two Pearson webinars on how school districts can expand their science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs**
- 5/11 **To participate in Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce Awards for Excellence program, Martin's West**
- 5/12 **To attend CASE Legislative Meeting, Café Troia, Towson**
- 5/13 **To participate in Blackboard teleconference**
- 5/13 **To attend meeting of the Greater Dundalk Community Council, Community College of Baltimore County, Dundalk campus**
- 5/14 **To participate in County Council Budget Work Session, Council Work Session Room**
- 5/14 **To share message at AVID Senior Reception, Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville campus**
- 5/15 **To deliver keynote address at Business Services Retreat, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 5/15 **To bring greetings to Baltimore County Student Councils annual bull roast, Oregon Ridge Park**
- 5/16 **To bring greetings to participants in Chinese Fulbright Training, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 5/16 **To participate in Catonsville Elementary School's Centennial Celebration**
- 5/16 **To present awards at Baltimore County Public Schools Elementary STEM Fair, Randallstown High School**
- 5/18 **To participate in Baltimore County Alliance of Black School Educators Scholarship Reception, ESS Building, Greenwood**
- 5/20 **To speak about district focus at SAT Prep Meeting for middle school principals and counselors, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 5/21 **To make presentation at Principals' Meeting, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 5/21 **To attend Baltimore County Council adoption of FY2010 budget, County Council Chambers, Towson**

- 5/21 To attend Baltimore County Public Schools Scholarship Award Ceremony, ESS Building, Greenwood**
- 5/22 To participate in Children's Cancer Foundation Awards Assembly, location not yet determined**
- 5/26 To make opening remarks at Innovation Team Conference, Towson University, University Union**
- 5/27 To participate in Mildred H. Murray Scholarship presentation, Administration Building, Greenwood**
- 5/29 To attend Ridge Ruxton School graduation**
- 5/29 To address Pupil Services Staff Meeting, Oregon Ridge Park**
- 6/1 To attend Western School of Technology graduation ceremony, Towson University**
- 6/2 To attend Chesapeake High School graduation ceremony, Community College of Baltimore County, Essex campus**