
Superintendent's Report To the Baltimore County Board of Education

September 8, 2009

Last Monday, on the first day of school, I was pleased to visit schools throughout the County with Board Vice President Ed Parker and County Executive James T. Smith, Jr., and to be joined at many of our stops by Board members Joe Pallozzi and Larry Schmidt. At every stop, we observed educators and students already fully engaged in teaching and learning. Congratulations to principals, teachers, administrators, staff, parents, and students for another smooth start of a new school year.

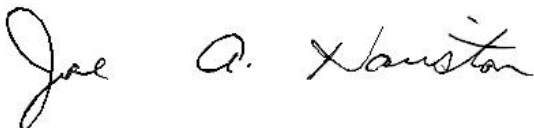
In this, our tenth year of this administration, we pride ourselves on our stability and on the strength of our community-based schools. We know that following our *Blueprint for Progress* and working to raise instructional rigor and increase learning opportunities is helping us raise the academic achievement of all students.

Our stability provides us with a strong foundation on which to grow new initiatives, such as the virtual learning environment at Chesapeake High School, which has garnered both local and national media attention and praise.

In addition to touring Chesapeake High School's virtual learning classroom and lab on the first day, we also saw: the morning news television crew at Glenmar Elementary School; the Genuine Conversation project and Integrated Learning Lab at Lutherville Lab Elementary School; math classes for French immersion students at Wellwood International Elementary School; and student-created wiki pages and Baltimore County's Teacher of the Year Cecily Anderson at Catonsville Middle School.

At every stop, we saw teachers using proven, best-practice strategies in ways to engage students. We saw students who were capable, curious, and focused, and facilities that were welcoming and conducive to learning.

Congratulations, again, to everyone involved for getting the school year off to such a promising start. Together, we are preparing our students for success.



Joe A. Hairston
Superintendent

Review of Superintendent's Calendar

Past

- 8/12 **Participated in meeting with Dr. Sandra Kurtinitis, president of the Community College of Baltimore County, and her staff, CCBC Essex**
- 8/13 **Interviewed by Tim Tooten of WBAL-TV**
- 8/18 **Gave opening remarks at New Teacher Orientation, Randallstown High School**
- 8/18 **Interviewed by Elizabeth Dickinson of Johns Hopkins University Magazine**
- 8/19 **Participated in interview with on the NPR program “Mario Armstrong Digital Spin,” which aired locally on WEAA-FM and nationally on Sirius XM Radio.** Other guests representing the Baltimore County Public Schools Virtual Learning Experience partnership included: Dave Peloff, Program Director for Emerging Technologies, Johns Hopkins University Center for Technology & Education; Stephanie Hill, Vice President, Lockheed's MS2 Integrated Defense Technologies; Ted Imes, Director of Electronic Systems Community & Education Outreach, Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems; and Joe Biglin, TrainingPort, LLC, former Chief Operating Officer and Co-founder Breakaway Games, Ltd., Member, Governor's Committee on Career & Technology Education
- 8/21 **Gave annual address at Administrative and Supervisory Meeting, Chesapeake High School**
- 8/22 **Participated in Board of Education Retreat, ESS Building**
- 8/22 **Interviewed, along with Board of Education President JoAnn Murphy, by Gigi Barnett, WJZ-TV reporter**
- 8/25 **Interviewed by Arin Gencer, *Baltimore Sun* education reporter**
- 8/31 **Made opening day school visits to Glenmar Elementary School, Lutherville Laboratory, Wellwood International Elementary School, Catonsville Middle School, and Chesapeake High School.** Was joined by Board of Education Vice President Ed Parker and County Executive James T. Smith, Jr. for all visits, and, at several schools, by Board members Joe Pallozzi and Larry Schmidt
- 9/1 **Interviewed by Lauren Barack of *School Library Journal* magazine**

- 9/3 **Hosted meeting of Diversity Achievement Steering Committee, Greenwood**
- 9/4 **Participated in meeting of Public Schools Superintendents Association of Maryland, Anne Arundel County Board of Education**

Upcoming

- 9/9 **To participate in Stevenson University Advisory Board Meeting, Owings Mills Campus**
- 9/11 **To participate in Archdiocese Committee Meeting**
- 9/12 **To attend dedication ceremony of Parkville High School's football field to Coach Joseph Anthony Yates, Sr.**
- 9/14 **To present keynote address at Mercy Medical Center National Environmental Services Week celebration**
- 9/15 **To host groundbreaking ceremony for new George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology building**
- 9/16 **To meet with John Jake Oliver, Chairman, Afro American Newspaper**
- 9/16 **To meet with Senator Brochin**
- 9/16 **To participate in Cancer Foundation Kick-off, ESS Building**
- 9/17 **To participate in meeting of Educational Advisory Board, Chesapeake High School**
- 9/17 **To meet with search team seeking replacement for Johns Hopkins University's School of Education dean**
- 9/17 **To host meeting of Superintendent's Educators Advisory Board, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 9/18 **To meet with Senator Klausmeier**
- 9/21 **To meet with Bill Fanshawe, General Manager, WBFF-TV and WNUV-TV**
- 9/21 **To meet with Allen Sawyer, Vice President and General Manager, WUTB-TV**

- 9/21 **To meet with Jordan Wertlieb, President and General Manager, WBAL-TV**
- 9/21 **To meet with Jay Newman, Vice President and General Manager, WJZ-TV**
- 9/21 **To meet with Bill Hooper, Vice President and General Manager, WMAR-TV**
- 9/23 **To participate in Principals' Meeting, Crowne Plaza Baltimore, Timonium**
- 9/25 **To make school visits**
- 9/28 **To participate in meeting of College Success Task Force, Maryland State Department of Education**
- 9/30 **To attend Maryland Association of Boards of Education/State Superintendents Meeting, Ocean City**
- 10/1 **To participate in Maryland State Department of Education/Maryland Higher Education Commission launch of a college planning and prep Web site (www.mdgo4it.org), Dundalk High School**
- 10/2 **To attend Essex-Middle River-White Marsh Chamber 20th Annual Principals' Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn, White Marsh**
- 10/2 **To speak at Baltimore County Student Councils Annual Leadership Workshop, Camp Ramblewood, Darlington**
- 10/2 **To attend Maryland Teacher of the Year Annual Gala Awards, Martin's West**
- 10/3 **To offer greetings at 100 year anniversary celebration for Sparks Elementary School**
- 10/5 **To make school visits**
- 10/6-10/7 **To attend Blackboard Symposium, Dallas, Texas**
- 10/8-10/9 **To attend Superintendents' Leadership Summit, New York**