

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: April 22, 2003

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. J. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Recognition of Pupil Personnel Worker Week, May 4 –10, 2003.**

ORIGINATOR: Christine M. Johns, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

RESOURCE Robert J, Kemmery, Executive Director of Student Support Services

PERSON(S): Dr. Vivian B. Ferguson, Coordinator of Pupil Personnel Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education read a proclamation declaring May 4-10, 2003 as Pupil Personnel Week, recognizing pupil personnel workers as liaisons between the school, home and the community. Pupil personnel workers are specialists trained to assess pupil's needs and to facilitate or appropriate services to students, families, and school personnel in order to foster student achievement.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pupil personnel workers recognize that each child is unique and valuable and is, therefore, worthy of individual and special consideration, and must have the opportunity to experience good mental, emotional, and physical health in order to be successful in school; and

WHEREAS, Pupil personnel workers work toward the prevention and elimination of discrimination in rendering services (age, color, creed, disability, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, and sexual orientation); and

WHEREAS, Pupil personnel workers, as child advocates, assist children, parents, and school personnel in bridging the gap between home and school in issues dealing with the child's physical, psychological, social, and intellectual growth; and

WHEREAS, Pupil personnel workers are specialists trained to assess pupils' needs, to facilitate or to provide appropriate services. Pupil personnel workers assume the role of the school's liaison with the family, community agencies, and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Pupil personnel workers, with their background in human development and behavioral sciences, are uniquely qualified to determine the many factors in the school, at home, and in the community that interfere with a child's adjustment to school and performance in school in order to develop and implement a plan of intervention to mitigate the factors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County does herewith extend its deep appreciation to all pupil personnel workers for their commitment and dedication; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County does hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2003, as Pupil Personnel Workers Week in Baltimore County.

Donald L. Arnold, President

Joe A. Hairston, Secretary-Treasurer

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