## Office of the Superintendent of Schools MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Rockville, Maryland

May 10, 2011

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Pupil Personnel Worker Week

WHEREAS, The Honorable Martin O'Malley, governor of the State of Maryland, has introduced a proclamation acknowledging May 15–21, 2011, as Pupil Personnel Worker Week to recognize the important role pupil personnel workers play in students' educational success and personal development; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Association of Pupil Personnel encourages all Maryland school systems to recognize pupil personnel workers' advocacy to promote students' academic and personal success; and

WHEREAS, All children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, attend school regularly, and receive an education that meets their individual needs; and

WHEREAS, Pupil personnel workers are trained as liaisons, advocates, and consultants to assess school and community resources, conduct home visits, and implement attendance and behavioral interventions to reduce barriers to learning and enable teachers to teach more effectively; and

WHEREAS, Pupil personnel workers facilitate collaboration that helps parents and educators identify and reduce risk factors to combat truancy, promote proactive interventions to support school completion, create safe schools, and access community resources; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate for Montgomery County Public Schools to recognize the vital role pupil personnel workers play in the personal and academic development of its students; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education does hereby proclaim May 15–21, 2011, as Pupil Personnel Worker Week in Montgomery County Public Schools and commend observance to all of our school community.

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