

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

November 8, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: American Education Week, November 13–19, 2011

WHEREAS, Public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing students with the knowledge and skills they need to maintain our nation's values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools has high expectations for every child and is committed to providing a climate of respect that provides students access to opportunities to ensure academic success; and

WHEREAS, All Montgomery County Public Schools' staff members work to serve our students and their families with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Parents are an integral part of the educational process, providing a nurturing home learning environment and serving as their child's first teachers and advocates, and are important partners with the school system; and

WHEREAS, Community involvement in our schools provides vital support and facilitates opportunities for students to participate in community learning and outreach activities; and

WHEREAS, The schools of Montgomery County Public Schools are the foundation of neighborhoods and communities, bringing together students and parents, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials for a common purpose; and

WHEREAS, Well-educated students who graduate from high school ready for college and the workforce drive innovation that can solve world problems in the fields of government, business, industry, and human relations; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgement of American Education Week, educators, students, family, and community members take time to celebrate their accomplishments and reaffirm their commitment to ensure a world-class education for all students; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and the superintendent of schools hereby declares November 13 through November 19, 2011, to be observed in Montgomery County Public Schools as American Education Week, a time to appreciate the importance of continuing support for our schools.

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