

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

I am pleased to share with you that our school system continues to make progress in raising student achievement.

Enclosed you will find reports about your child's school with data used to monitor school achievement, including:

- A four-page individual school report from the *2006 Maryland School Performance Report* from the Maryland School Assessment test for your child's school, for BCPS, and for the state as a whole.
- A report showing the percentage of teachers holding state teaching certificates at your child's school and the attendance and/or graduation rate for your child's school.

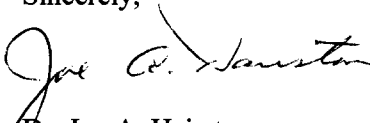
Under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, each local education agency must publicize and disseminate the results of the state academic assessment to parents and the school community so that the system and school staff can continually refine the program of instruction to help all students meet the challenging state student academic achievement standards.

Additional information regarding the performance of each Baltimore County public school and all other Maryland public schools is available from your child's school or online at www.mdreportcard.org. Because your child's school has been identified for improvement, the school staff is implementing strategies designed to improve student performance.

Our school system's vision for advancing student achievement is supported by our *Blueprint for Progress*, which you can also view online at www.bcps.org or at your child's school. It outlines the important role our families and community partners play in the continued success of our children.

Thank you for your support of your child's education. Together we will reach even higher levels of achievement for all children.

Sincerely,



Dr. Joe A. Hairston
Superintendent