



**Every Child
A Success!**



Board Clips

...from the **June 11**, meeting of the Board of Education of Dorchester County

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Maple Elementary Cafeteria Staff Recognized

Maple Elementary School participated in and won the Maryland State Department of Education School and Community Services Branch Statewide School Breakfast Contest. The Board thanked the staff for their enthusiastic participation in "National School Breakfast Week."



L to R: Brenda Schwaab (MSDE), Maple Staff: Carole Brohawn, Francine Harris, Karen Oberender, Doris Windsor, and Robin Philips, DCPS Manager of Food Services

"Qualities of Graduates" Examined

Both high schools are collaboratively pursuing the Accreditation for Growth (AFG) model sponsored by the Middle States Association. One important component of this process is a vision of the qualities we want to instill in our graduates. Mr. Wagner, along with Mr. Bromwell, NDHS, and Ms. Mackert, C-SDHS, presented the qualities established by the AFG Task force which can be viewed at www.dcps.k12.md.us.

MABE Presentation

Dr. Carl Smith, Executive Director, presented information on the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE).

Staffing Changes for June

Certificated Appointments:

Jennifer Bostic, math, South Dorchester School
Salina Lewandowski, speech pathologist, Central Office
Jane Spaulding, special education, Maple Elementary
Leslie Tolley, assistant principal, Mace's Lane Middle

Certificated Resignations:

Casey Cannon, elementary, Choptank Elementary
John Cook, math, Mace's Lane Middle

Melissa Dennis, math, North Dorchester Middle
William Gray, science, NDHS

Certificated Transfers:

Lorraine Anders, special education, from Warwick Elementary to Hurlock Elementary

Dave Bromwell, assistant principal, from North Dorchester High to C-SDHS

Theresa Connors, media specialist, from Warwick Elementary to Mace's Lane Middle

Paul Cooper, music, from Hurlock Elementary to Choptank Elementary

Sarah Cooper, music, from Choptank Elementary to Hurlock Elementary

Melissa Dennis, from elementary at Sandy Hill Elementary to middle school math at North Dorchester Middle

Marty Gibson, special education, from Hurlock Elementary to Judy Hoyer Center

Ella Kate Hawker, interpreter, from Sandy Hill Elementary to Mace's Lane Middle

(Staffing changes continued on next page)

Upcoming Important Dates!

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**Next Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, July 17, 7:00 p.m., Central Office**



## Mission Statement for Dorchester County Public Schools:

To create an environment where every child will learn and succeed by providing equal access to quality educational programs that challenge and engage all students.

## New Student Board Representatives Welcomed

The Board welcomed Justine Durham, NDHS, and Collin Grier, C-SDHS, as the new Student Board Representatives for the 2008-2009 school year.



*Justine Durham*  
NDHS



*Collin Grier*  
C-SDHS

Alicia McDonnell and Charnae' Stanley, Student Board Representatives for 2007-2008, were commended for their year of service on the Board of Education. The Board wished them both well in their college careers.



## New Textbook Adopted

The Board voted to adopt Succeeding in the World of Work, McGraw Hill © 2008. This textbook will be used for the Community & Schools Together (CAST) course.

## Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

### Receives Thanks

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The members of the local "Delta" Sorority were thanked for their continued support of DCPS through their mentoring of eighth grade girls at Mace's Lane Middle as well as sponsoring a "Girls in Engineering" Program on Saturday, May 31, 2008 at the school.

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*Nancy Hebb*, art, from Warwick Elementary to Maple Elementary  
*Carol Lantz*, special education, from Choptank Elementary to South Dorchester School  
*Susan Matthews*, special education, from Sandy Hill Elementary to Choptank Elementary  
*Tammy Tyler*, special education, from Choptank Elementary to Mace's Lane Middle  
*Lynn Webber*, assistant principal, from Mace's Lane Middle to North Dorchester High

### Certificated Retirement:

*Amy Hadsell*, elementary, Maple Elementary

### Non-Certificated Transfers:

*Gary Barnes*, custodian, from Mace's Lane Middle to Sandy Hill Elementary

*Patricia Abbott*, special education instructional assistant, from Choptank Elementary to Mace's Lane Middle

*Valerie Brisco*, special education instructional assistant, from C-SDHS to North Dorchester Middle

*Corrine Brown*, special education instructional assistant, from North Dorchester Middle to Choptank Elementary

*Vernetter Pinder*, education specialist, from Mace's Lane Middle to Choptank Elementary

*Patty Taylor*, special education instructional assistant, from Warwick Elementary to Hurlock Elementary  
*Susan Thomas*, special education instructional assistant, from Mace's Lane Middle to C-SDHS

*Sharlie Windsor*, special education instructional assistant, from Sandy Hill Elementary to Choptank Elementary

**Vision  
Statement for  
Dorchester  
County Public  
Schools:**

The Dorchester County Public Schools will provide continually improving educational programs in a safe and nurturing school environment with exceptional faculty and staff. This will be achieved through a cooperative and supportive partnership among schools, home and community. All students will acquire the self-discipline, knowledge and skills necessary to become creative, self-sufficient lifelong learners and productive citizens.

**Financial Actions**

The Board approved the following purchase/contracts on June 11:

- Award of contract and payment to Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit for the Consortium for Quality and Consistency in Identification and Recruitment (migrant education)
- Approval of contract with PowerSchool
- Approval of contract and purchase with Trice, Geary & Myers for audit services
- Award of contract and payment with Trane Corporation for an upgrade of the control system at Sandy Hill Elementary School



**School Budgets Finalized**

The Board voted to adopt the final budgets for Fiscal Year 2009 which included:

- General Fund - \$48,450,772
- Restricted Grants - \$4,128,478
- Food Service Fund - \$2,249,688
- Technology - \$507,000
- Capital Outlay - \$550,000
- School Construction - \$2,731,209

In conjunction with these actions, also approved for 2008-2009 were the Table of Rates for School Bus Contractors; the negotiated agreement with Administrators & Supervisors; and the negotiated agreement with Dorchester Educators/Educational Support Personnel.

**Board Policy Manual  
Review**

The following (active) Board Policies were reviewed and accepted by the Board for first reading: 350.1, Grade Reporting; 350.2, Report Cards; 350.3, Interim Reports; 350.4, Computation and Reporting of Grades; and 350.5, Homework.



**Special Education  
Staffing Plan Approved**

The school system is required to prepare a staffing plan on an annual basis that delineates how special education staff are assigned to schools. This plan discusses the sources of data, the process for input, and the procedures used to determine the number and types of service providers needed. The legal mandate is to provide a free and appropriate public education to students with disabilities, as required by COMAR.

