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A Success!**



Board Clips



...from the **April 16, 2009** meeting of the Board of Education of Dorchester County

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Dr. Ben Carson Scholars Celebrated

Kaila Fleishman, Grade 8, North Dorchester Middle School and Saj'Heed McNair, Grade 5, Choptank Elementary School are our two proud recipients of scholarships through the Dr. Ben Carson and The Carson Scholars Fund. The Carson Scholars Fund scholarships recognize students who strive for academic excellence and demonstrate a strong commitment to their community.



Kaila Fleishman



Saj'Heed McNair

Valerie Jordan, Comcast Parent Matters Award Nominee for DCPS

Ms. Jordan was selected as Dorchester County's 2009 nominee for the Comcast Parent Involvement Matters Award. These awards, a collaboration between Comcast and the Maryland State Department of Education, are a statewide initiative to recognize parents and legal guardians for their exceptional support of public education. Ms. Jordan was selected for her nineteen years of volunteer service to Sandy Hill Elementary, Mace's Lane Middle and Cambridge-South Dorchester High School.

Instructional Updates

Staff provided information on new programs available at the Dorchester Career and Technology Center, as well as the Maryland Model for School Readiness.

Staffing Changes for April

Certificated Appointments:

Erin Copus, .5 speech language pathologist, Central Office

Rodney Lee, Jr., music, TBD
Jenna Romano, math, Mace's Lane Middle

Certificated Resignations:

John Anello, English, North Dorchester High School

Rena Brooks, middle school math, Mace's Lane Middle

Becky Evans, elementary, Sandy Hill Elementary

Salina Lewandowski, speech language pathologist, Central Office

Robert Marinelli, math, Cambridge-South Dorchester High

Marea Miller, music, South Dorchester School

Jean Nordeen, in-school suspension, North Dorchester High

Michelle Russo, language arts, North Dorchester Middle

Richard Wilhelm, Spanish, North Dorchester High

Certificated Retirements:

Winona Holden, guidance, Warwick Elementary

Carolyn Morris, media, North Dorchester Middle

Non-Certificated Promotion

Leslie Moore, from attendance secretary to financial specialist, North Dorchester High

Non-Certificated Retirement

Minnie Insley, instructional assistant, South Dorchester School

**Upcoming
Important
Dates!**

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**Teacher of the  
Year Reception,  
April 21, 4:30  
p.m., Choptank  
Elementary**

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**District-Wide
Middle School
Science Fair,
April 22**



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**Senior Honors  
Reception,  
May 6, 6:00  
p.m., Choptank  
Elementary**

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**Cambridge-
South
Dorchester High
Graduation,
May 26,
6:30 p.m.**

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**North  
Dorchester High  
Graduation,  
May 27,  
6:30 p.m.**

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**LAST DAY
ANNOUNCED:
June 12, 2009
for Students
and Teachers!**

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**Next Regular  
Board Meeting  
May 21,  
3:00 p.m.,  
Central Office**

**Accreditation for Growth  
Leaders Commended**

The Board took the opportunity to thank the Co-Leaders of the Steering Committee for all of their hard work and dedication that lead to the recent, successful AFG/Middle States Association visit to both Cambridge-South Dorchester High and North Dorchester High. They were:

**David Bromwell, C-SDHS**

**Lou Jones, NDHS**

**Robin Mackert, C-SDHS**

**Lynn Webber, NDHS**

**Financial Actions**

The Board approved the following purchases and contracts on April 16:

- Approval of a contract extension with Waste Removal Services, pending staff examination of alternatives
- Approval of the purchase of a cash register system for NDMS
- Approval of a contract with Optimum Expense Recovery and Consulting for utility and tax audit services and consulting
- Approval of a grant from MSDE for \$9,880 to provide professional development for teaching ELL students
- Approval of a grant from MSDE for \$5,533 to be used at Choptank Elementary as part of the School Performance Recognition Program
- Approval of a grant from MABE for \$20,000 to be used to purchase safety equipment
- Approval of Mike Haring as the ESMEC Energy Trust Alternate Trustee
- Approval of Adam Tolley as the ESMEC Health Insurance Alliance Trustee
- Approval to transfer a parcel of land, located in Hurlock, back to Dorchester County, as there is no present educational need



**“I imagine...” Essay Contest  
Winner Honored**

Jocelyn Meyers, Grade 2, Warwick Elementary, participated in the "I imagine...." essay contest sponsored by the Music Educators National Conference. Jocelyn's essay was chosen as one of the top ten essays, and her essay was the only one chosen from Maryland.

**2010-2011 School Calendar  
Introduced**

The proposed calendar for the 2010-2011 school year was accepted for first reading by the Board. The calendar appears on the district website for comments by parents, staff and students. The Board plans to adopt the calendar on May 21.

**Board of Education  
Meetings Calendar  
Approved**

The Board of Education adopted their own calendar of meetings for the 2009-2010 school year. The calendar can be found on the district's website

**Alternative Governance  
Plan Unveiled for MLMS**

At the start of the 2008-2009 school year Mace's Lane Middle School entered into its fourth year of school improvement. As required by NCLB, Central Office staff, in coordination with Mace's Lane Middle School staff, developed a restructuring plan. The purpose of this plan is to reflect on the issues that prohibited the school from making adequate yearly progress and develop a plan of action to address those issues.

**Policy Updates**

Accepted for first reading were changes to Board Policies 502.11, Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act and 602.6, Family and Medical Leave Act.