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

February 28, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Downcounty Consortium Elementary School #29—Grant of Forest Conservation Easement

WHEREAS, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has requested a Conservation Easement Agreement at the future Downcounty Consortium Elementary School #29, located at 2600 Hayden Drive in Silver Spring, in connection with the school construction project; and

WHEREAS, The proposed conservation easement will protect and prevent any alteration, construction, or destruction of sensitive environmental areas consisting of forest, wetlands, and stream valley buffers contained in five separate parcels totaling 7.69 acres within the school site; and

WHEREAS, The proposed conservation easement will not affect any land that could be used for school programming or recreational activities and will benefit both the school site and the community by preserving sensitive environmental areas; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That the president of the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools be authorized to execute a conservation easement agreement consisting of 7.69 acres with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission at the future Downcounty Consortium Elementary School #29.

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