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

## October 11, 2011

## **MEMORANDUM**

To:	Members of the Board of Education
From:	Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools
Subject:	American Indian Heritage Month and American Indian Heritage Day— November 2011

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has proclaimed "National American Indian Heritage Month" to be celebrated in November to recognize and celebrate the many accomplishments, contributions, and sacrifices of American Indians during our country's history; and

WHEREAS, American Indians are noted for their vital influence and rich legacy of caring for the people, the land, and the environment of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, American Indians have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, civil rights and political leaders, artists, and scholars; and

WHEREAS, The proud history of American Indians often is depicted in ceremonial dance, distinctive music, and interpretive storytelling; and

WHEREAS, American Indians have a vibrant culture and comprise a thriving presence that adds to the cultural mosaic of the Montgomery County community; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education, the superintendent of schools, staff, students, and families of Montgomery County Public Schools hereby declare November to be observed as "American Indian Heritage Month"; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education, the superintendent of schools, staff, students, and families of Montgomery County Public Schools hereby declare the day after Thanksgiving as American Indian Heritage Day.

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