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

September 24, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Walk to School Day—October 3, 2012

WHEREAS, Children and adults need to learn and practice essential pedestrian skills; and

WHEREAS, Walking to school enables children to incorporate the regular physical activity they need each day while also forming healthy habits that can last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Walking to school helps reduce the amount of air pollutants emitted by vehicles; and

WHEREAS, International Walk to School Day is celebrated by thousands of schools across America and in more than 40 countries worldwide; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools proclaim October 3, 2012, as "Walk to School Day"; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That the school system notifies the public and school community of "Walk to School Day," publicizes this resolution and the school system's participation through internal and external media, and encourages everyone to consider the safety of pedestrians and, in particular, student walkers—every day.

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