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

November 13, 2012

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: American Education Week, November 11–17, 2012

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools is committed to providing all students with a high quality education that builds 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, fosters social emotional learning and prepares students for college and careers, and

WHEREAS, Our schools are foundational to neighborhoods and communities, bringing together students, parents, educators and volunteers; business, organization, and faith-based leaders; and elected officials for a common purpose; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools' staff members work to serve our students and their families with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Parents and families are an integral part of the educational process, serving as their child's primary teachers and advocates, and engaging as valued and important partners with the school system; and

WHEREAS, Community engagement in our schools provides vital connection and support; and facilitates opportunities for students to participate in enhanced learning and outreach activities; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgement of American Education Week, educators, students, family, and community members take time to celebrate their accomplishments and reaffirm their commitment to ensure a world-class education for all students; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education hereby declares November 11 through November 17, 2012, to be observed in Montgomery County Public Schools as American Education Week, a time to appreciate the importance of continuing support for our schools.

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