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: School Psychology Awareness Week

WHEREAS, The National Association of School Psychologists has designated November 12–16, 2012, as School Psychology Awareness Week to promote and recognize the important role school psychologists play in supporting children's individual needs; and

WHEREAS, The theme for this year's School Psychology Awareness Week, "Know Your Own Strengths. Discover them. Share them. Celebrate them." helps students to focus on identifying, sharing and celebrating their personal strengths within the school community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Schools can more effectively ensure that all students are able to learn when schools meet the needs of the whole child; children and youth learn best when they are healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged; and

WHEREAS, Education that identifies and develops the individual strengths of every student leads to a greater investment in learning; and

WHEREAS, Psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, social and emotional development, and prevention and early intervention; and

WHEREAS, School psychologists help children and youth discover and nurture their individual strengths; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools recognizes the essential role that school psychologists play in the social and emotional development of students; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and the superintendent of schools hereby proclaim November 12–16, 2012, as School Psychology Awareness Week in Montgomery County Public Schools and commend observance to all of our school community.

JPS:mag