


MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Rockville, Maryland

January 8, 2013

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education  
From: Christopher S. Barclay, President   
Subject: In Appreciation of Mrs. Jo Ann "Jody" Leleck

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education is saddened by the death on December 11, 2012, of Mrs. Jo Ann "Jody" Leleck, who retired from the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) after twenty-five years in various capacities as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, associate superintendent, and chief academic officer; and

WHEREAS, As a life-long educator, Mrs. Leleck earned a well-deserved reputation as a transformative and inspiring leader with an unrelenting passion for instilling in every child a love for learning and a motivation to excel beyond his or her circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Among Mrs. Leleck's numerous achievements, as principal of Broad Acres Elementary School, she orchestrated the school's remarkable turnaround from one of the lowest performing schools in Maryland to one of the highest, a success story that received nationwide attention and was featured in a Harvard University book, "Leading for Equity: The Pursuit of Excellence in the Montgomery County Public Schools"; and

WHEREAS, Under Mrs. Leleck's leadership, the results at Broad Acres Elementary School were exceptional with student achievement showing steady and sustained progress so much so that in just four years, the students improved their passing rate on state reading tests in Grade 3 from 13 percent to 75 percent. Gains were seen across the board and the school continues to perform well because of the culture of high expectations and success Ms. Leleck instituted at the school; and

WHEREAS, As Montgomery County Public Schools' associate superintendent for curriculum and instructional programs, and as chief academic officer, Mrs. Leleck helped lead reform efforts that increased student achievement across the county by ensuring that the MCPS curriculum prepared students to be creative and critical thinkers and strong problem solvers; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education honors the life of Mrs. Jo Ann Leleck for her remarkable dedication to serving the students of Montgomery County, her skill, her passion in advocating for the needs of every child, and her unwavering commitment to service; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Mrs. Leleck.

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