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Mr. Michael A. Durso
President
Montgomery County Board of Education
850 Hungerford Drive, Room 123
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Durso:

I have received your letter requesting approval for Dr. Jack R. Smith's appointment as the Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools, effective July 1, 2016 until June 30, 2020.

As you may know, on February 23, 2016 the State Board of Education moved and approved my appointment as Acting Interim Superintendent for the sole purpose of approving or disapproving, with the advice of the Office of the Attorney General, your appointment of Dr. Smith as Superintendent of the Montgomery County Public Schools. My appointment for this purpose has been triggered by your letter of March 2, 2016 to me.

After reviewing Dr. Smith's credentials and in accordance with Education Article §4-201, Annotated Code of Maryland, I hereby approve the appointment of Dr. Smith as Superintendent of Schools for Montgomery County Public Schools.

I extend my best wishes to the Board and Dr. Smith for future success.

Sincerely,

Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.
Acting Interim State Superintendent of Schools

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