

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Rockville, Maryland

October 14, 2008

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Nancy Navarro, President
Subject: Resolution on High School Assessments

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education supports the concept of accountability standards that determine mastery of the curriculum in a fair and equitable manner; and

WHEREAS, On October 28, 2008, the Maryland State Board of Education will be discussing the requirement that students pass the High School Assessments in order to receive a Maryland high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education has previously, consistently, and publicly raised concerns about the High School Assessments; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education remains concerned that the test format for students graduating in 2009 will be different from the format for students graduating in 2010 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education remains concerned that the Bridge Plan for Academic Validation is overly complex and fraught with unresolved issues; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education requests that the Maryland State Board of Education delay linking the Maryland High School Assessment program to high school diplomas for at least one year until all the concerns raised by stakeholders have been resolved.

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