

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

September 27, 2010

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Walk to School Day—October 6, 2010

WHEREAS, The promotion of bicycling and walking to school provides an opportunity to address bicycle and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, Walking to school results in less traffic and cleaner air, reducing the intake of air pollutants that can be especially harmful to children; and

WHEREAS, Walking improves the health and well-being of children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Obesity rates are skyrocketing and only one-quarter of Americans exercise thirty minutes daily as recommended by the U.S. Surgeon General; and

WHEREAS, Children, families, and community leaders again are joining together nationally and internationally to walk children to school or to the bus stop to promote traffic pollution awareness, health and physical fitness, and pedestrian safety in their community; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and the superintendent of schools proclaim October 6, 2010, as “Walk to School Day”; and be it further

Resolved, That the school system notify the public and school community of “Walk to School Day,” publicize this resolution and the school system’s participation through internal and external media, and encourage everyone to consider the safety of pedestrians and, in particular, student walkers—every day.

JDW:kam