


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

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: School Psychology Awareness Week

WHEREAS, The National Association of School Psychologists, in order to focus a shining light on the positive work school psychologists do to promote students' academic and personal success, has designated November 8–12, 2010, as School Psychology Awareness Week, with the theme, "Today is a good day to...SHINE!"; and

WHEREAS, All children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that meets their individual needs; and

WHEREAS, Children's mental health is closely linked to their successful learning and development, and school psychologists are specially trained to deliver mental health services and academic support that reduce barriers to learning; and

WHEREAS, School psychologists are trained to assess obstacles to learning, utilize data-based decision making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, evaluate outcomes, and improve accountability; and

WHEREAS, School psychologists facilitate collaboration that helps parents and educators identify and reduce risk factors, promote protective factors, create safe schools, and access community resources; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that Montgomery County Public Schools recognize the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of Montgomery County Public Schools' students; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education does hereby proclaim November 8–12, 2010, as School Psychology Awareness Week in Montgomery County Public Schools and commend observance to all of our school community.

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