

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

April 28, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Asian Pacific American Heritage Month—May 2011

WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed a resolution proclaiming the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, We honor Montgomery County Public Schools students, staff members, stakeholders, and community leaders who trace their ancestry to Asia or to the indigenous peoples of the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, We celebrate the rich gifts of the Asian Pacific American community and recognize their contributions to our nation, and

WHEREAS, We respect the notable accomplishments of Asian Pacific Americans such as Dr. Steven Chu, winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics 1997 and Secretary of Energy; Senator Hiram Fong, the first Asian American to serve in the United States Senate, representing Hawaii; Mr. Jerry Yang, internet entrepreneur and co-founder of Yahoo!, a global internet company; and Mr. James Iha, best known as a guitarist and co-founder of The Smashing Pumpkins, and

WHEREAS, Our Asian Pacific American community has been an essential component of the American mosaic, now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and the superintendent of schools hereby declare the month of May 2011 to be observed in Montgomery County Public Schools as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

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