

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

August 24, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Recognition of the Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation, Inc.

The Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation, Inc. was created to provide supplemental financial resources to enhance academic enrichment opportunities for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) students. The Foundation was established in 1988 by the Montgomery County Board of Education to receive escheated funds under Maryland Estate Law.

The mission of the Foundation is to encourage and develop support for innovative and creative approaches to meet the needs of the school system's students and teachers and to place a priority on serving the neediest students in the county. The members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation are committed to supporting programs that are designed to prepare students for success in future careers and to maximize the potential of students in their post-high school endeavors.

The Foundation supports our schools, students, and teachers by providing:

- Scholarship funds for MCPS students
- Funds for academic enrichment opportunities for MCPS students and staff
- Grants to MCPS schools for after-school technology programs and instruction

The Foundation is committed to providing greater opportunities for MCPS graduating students to help them reach their full potential. For more than a decade, the Foundation has been helping county students by awarding scholarships. The majority of the scholarships support students who attend Montgomery College. Some students have received funding to attend other state universities and colleges including University of Maryland locations at College Park, Baltimore County, and the Eastern Shore. The Foundation's scholarship program is the result of a fundraising event honoring Dr. Paul L. Vance, former superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools, at his retirement.

The Foundation recently concluded its 2011–2012 school year scholarship program, awarding more than \$235,000 in scholarships to financially needy MCPS graduates. With the help of state

delegates and senators representing Montgomery County, the Foundation awarded 100 scholarships to graduating high school students and second-year college students in need of financial assistance. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1,325,000 million in scholarships.

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation, Inc. has provided academic enrichment opportunities for Montgomery County Public Schools students for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, The Foundation is committed to providing opportunities to attend college for Montgomery County Public Schools graduates who otherwise would not be able to go to college without this financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, The Foundation has awarded more than \$1,325,000 in scholarships to financially needy Montgomery County Public Schools graduates; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education recognizes the Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation, Inc. and all the members of the Foundation's Board of Directors for their commitment and dedication to the students of Montgomery County Public Schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education congratulates the Foundation on another successful scholarship campaign this year awarding scholarships to Montgomery County Public Schools graduates in need of financial assistance to attend college; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education encourages Montgomery County businesses and citizens to contribute to the Foundation so that more of our students who would not be able to attend college without the Foundation's financial assistance can do so.

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