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

October 11, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: 2012 Montgomery County Public Schools Charity Campaign

WHEREAS, The needs of others have long motivated the generosity of the employees of Montgomery County Public Schools, who have contributed to charity campaigns organized in collaboration with the Montgomery County Government; and

WHEREAS, This year's charity campaign, "MCPS Cares," gives employees the option of contributing to four worthy charities—the Community Foundation for Montgomery County, the Montgomery Alliance for Community Giving, the Union Community Fund, and the United Way of the National Capital Area; and

WHEREAS, The employee representative organizations—the Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals, the Montgomery County Business and Operations Administrators, the Montgomery County Education Association, and the Service Employees International Union Local 500—along with Montgomery County Public Schools, have formed a partnership to provide employees with four organizations through which they can direct their charitable contributions; and

WHEREAS, Last year Montgomery County Public Schools employees contributed more than \$133,000 through the campaign, an especially generous response given the challenging economic times; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools has updated the "MCPS Cares" website to make it easier for employees to find information about our charity partners and to donate online; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That the period of October 24 through November 23, 2011, is hereby designated by the Board of Education of Montgomery County as the period for participation in the Montgomery County Public Schools Charity Campaign; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That all employees of Montgomery County Public Schools are encouraged to demonstrate their continuing charity by donating to this campaign as a reflection of their commitment to addressing the needs of those less fortunate.

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