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

March 28, 2011

## **MEMORANDUM**

To:	Members of the Board of Education
From:	Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent of Schools
Subject:	National Student Leadership Week—April 17–23, 2011

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education has a continuing commitment, with the support of school administrators and staff, parents, and community members, to instill strong citizenship values in emerging student leaders; and

WHEREAS, Student leaders are a positive influence on their peers, modeling good character and scholarship in and out of the classroom, and serve as agents of change to improve the overall climate and academic performance at their schools; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education encourages our youth to participate in leadership positions to provide students with early and vital experience in exercising a voice in matters of common concern, reconciling diverse interests, and making a sustained commitment to serving others in our communities; and

WHEREAS, In April 2011, student leadership activities include the Montgomery County Region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils and Montgomery County Junior Councils officer elections, the student voter registration drive, the election of the student member of the Board of Education, and National Student Leadership Week; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education applauds this outstanding service by our youth and encourages others to become involved in youth leadership; and

WHEREAS, National Student Leadership Week is a time when schools across our nation recognize students who step into leadership positions and honor their accomplishments, efforts, and service with this year's national theme of "Student Leaders Saving Lives through Leadership and Service"; now therefore be it

Members of the Board of Education

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Montgomery County Board of Education hereby joins with the superintendent of schools in recognizing the week of April 17–23, 2011, as National Student Leadership Week in Montgomery County Public Schools; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Montgomery County Board of Education commends student leaders for their achievements and service on behalf of Montgomery County Public Schools and encourages citizens to seek opportunities to recognize student leaders in our schools and support their training and activities as they prepare to become leaders of our cities, states, and nation.

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