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

## September 26, 2011

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Walk to School Day—October 5, 2011

WHEREAS, The promotion of bicycling and walking to school provides an opportunity to address bicycle and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, Walking to school results in less traffic and cleaner air, reducing air pollutants that can be especially harmful to children; and

WHEREAS, Walking improves the health and well-being of children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Children, families, and community leaders again are joining together nationally and internationally to walk children to school or to the bus stop to promote traffic pollution awareness, health and physical fitness, and pedestrian safety in their community; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools proclaim October 5, 2011, as "Walk to School Day"; and be it further

Resolved, That the school system notifies the public and school community of "Walk to School Day," publicizes this resolution and the school system's participation through internal and external media, and encourages everyone to consider the safety of pedestrians and, in particular, student walkers—every day.

JPS:kam