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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NAMES KARYN T. LYNCH AS CHIEF OF STUDENT SERVICES

*Former director of Prince George's County Social Services tapped to
lead school system division which focuses on students' overall wellbeing*

(Upper Marlboro, MD) The Prince George's County Public School Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. William R. Hite, Jr. this afternoon announced that Karyn T. Lynch, director of Prince George's County Social Services, has been tapped as the school system's new Chief of Student Services. Lynch is set to begin her position on Wednesday, September 23.

"Our expectation is that the appointment of Karyn T. Lynch will be a great benefit to our school system," said Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq., Prince George's County Board of Education Chair. "Ms. Lynch brings a wealth of experience in the social/family services arena that should prove beneficial as we continue to work toward our goal of improving student services in the school district."

As Chief of Student Services Lynch will directly supervise the Departments of Counseling Services, Family and Community Outreach, Health Services, School Security, Homeless Education, Safe and Drug Free Schools, Character Education, and the Student Appeals Office. Her responsibilities include developing overall objectives for the division in concert with the PGCPs Strategy Master Plan as well as creating an operational framework for Student Services, establishing procedures for monitoring its operation and developing and sustaining a performance management environment for maximum personnel effectiveness.

"We look forward to having Ms. Lynch join us in our efforts of increasing student achievement across Prince George's County," added Superintendent of Schools Dr. William R. Hite, Jr.

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Ms. Lynch's biography can be found below:

BIOGRAPHY OF KARYN T. LYNCH

From 1997 to the present, Lynch has served as the Director of Prince George's County Social Services, a division of the Maryland Department of Human Resources and the Prince George's County Government. As Director of the Department of Social Services, she provided leadership and vision to manage all programs and services offered by the second largest, accredited, public social service agency in the State of Maryland. These services included child and adult welfare, income eligible programs, customer service, data and management information, risk management, strategic planning and continuous quality improvement, and services for the homeless. Lynch also led the preparation and implementation of a state and county budget which exceeded 130 million dollars as well as served as the agency's appointing authority responsible for over 800 state and county, exempt, merit and contractual, union and non-union employees. She served as Assistant Director of the agency for nine months before serving as Director.

Prior to her work with Social Services, Lynch was the Deputy Director of the Prince George's Office of Personnel and Labor Relations from the winter of 1992 thru the fall of 1996. (This office is currently known as the Office of Human Resources and Management). In this capacity she effectively managed the Prince George's County's human resources system for more than 5,000 government employees and thousands of individuals seeking employment in County Government. Additionally, she managed the agency's \$2.5 million annual budget as well as coordinated the executive team's implementation of multi-divisional projects to facilitate internal and external communication.

In 1989 she began as a County Council Liaison in the Office of County Executive Parris N. Glendering. She held this position for four years. Her responsibilities included successfully lobbying the legislative branch of government to ensure the passage of the County Executive's initiatives and Executive branch legislative proposals. During her tenure she also served as the County Executive's representative to the Washington Council of Governments and as the County's municipal and education liaison. Her effectiveness was clearly demonstrated through the 100 percent success rate for the passage of the County Executive's legislative proposals.

Additional career experiences include serving as a Special Assistant to Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Mary H. Godfrey and as a Budget and Management Analyst in the County's Office of Management and Budget.

Lynch received her Masters in Public Administration from Columbia and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government from Dartmouth College.

In 2007, Karyn T. Lynch received a citation for Excellence in Leadership from Governor Martin O'Malley. She currently serves as a board member for the Prince George's Local Management Board and as treasurer for the Maryland Association of Social Services Directors.