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BOARD OF EDUCATION PASSES EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE INAUGURATION DAY

During today's System Oversight Meeting, the Prince George's County Board of Education unanimously approved an emergency resolution to close Prince George's County public schools and offices for Inauguration Day on January 20, 2009. This action will not require the school year to be extended.

"This date will be of great historical significance in that the first African American President of the United State of America will be inaugurated," said Board Chair Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq. "As such, the Board of Education proposed and passed this resolution to give students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to participate in this historical event, either in person or by viewing it on television with their families.

"The Board of Education wanted to provide an opportunity for families to witness this historical event, and for students to be a part of history rather than simply reading about it," Ms. Jacobs added. "Students need to see and remember that they can achieve any goal through education and service to their community."

The System Oversight Meeting featured a swearing-in ceremony for At-Large Board Member Amber P. Waller, newly-elected to the position on Election Day, November 4. Ms. Waller was appointed to the Board in 2008, and ran unopposed for the seat. County Clerk of the Circuit Court Peggy Magee presided over the ceremony.

The System Oversight meeting presented the Board of Education with an opportunity to receive a detailed administrative presentation on the Human Resources Division. The presentation gave an in-depth overview of the entire division, including:

- Organizational structure;
- Key performance indicators; and
- Program updates on teacher certification, school staffing and leadership, hiring and retention data;
- Employee benefits, recruitment, and higher education partnership;
- Financial Incentive Rewards for Supervisors and Teachers (FIRST);
- Employee and labor relations, the Human Resources Information System (HRIS), and more.

The next meeting of the Prince George's County Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, December 1 at 7:05 p.m. at the Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro.

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