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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RELEASES 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Remarkable Student Progress Among the Achievements Noted

The Prince George's County Board of Education released the 2008 Annual Report for Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) today noting significant advancement in student achievement. The full report is available on the school system's Web site (www.pgcps.org).

"We are extremely proud of the work of our students, teachers, schools, and the Administration in 2008, and the tremendous amount of success we achieved together," said Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq., Board Chair. "As we continue our daily work of providing the best public education for all children of Prince George's County, we look forward to reporting even more success next year."

The report details success stories such as:

- Overall, elementary and middle school Maryland School Assessments (MSAs) test scores rose at every grade level, in every subject, and every subgroup on the 2008 tests.
- Fourteen Prince George's County public schools exited school improvement with eleven of those schools being Title 1 schools.
- Fifty-eight schools were recognized as Exemplary schools by scoring in the 80-percentile or above on the 2008 MSA tests.
- Thirty-four of forty-one schools scored 100 percent in reading and math on the 2008 Alternative-MSA test. Six out of the remaining seven schools scored within the ninetieth percentile; while in the remaining school, three out of the four students who sat for the test scored 100 percent on both exams.
- Nearly nine of every 10 classes in schools with large numbers of students highly impacted by the challenges of poverty are taught by "highly qualified" teachers in core academic subject areas.

PGCPS began the 2008-09 school year by opening its first 100-percent, LEED-certified, eco-green school, Vansville Elementary School in Beltsville. A printed copy of the 2008 Annual Report will be available in libraries and schools in January 2009.