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### COMMUNITY POLICING PARTNERSHIP TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ON TESTING DAYS

**WHO:** Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq., Chair, Prince George's County Board of Education  
Roberto L. Hylton, Acting Chief, Prince George's County Police Department  
Dr. William R. Hite, Interim Superintendent, Prince George's County Public Schools  
Rudolph Saunders, Principal, Frederick Douglass High School

**WHAT: Announcement of New Community Policing Partnership**

**WHEN:** Monday, January 12, 2009 • 2:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Frederick Douglass High School  
8000 Croom Road • Upper Marlboro

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Prince George's County Board of Education Chair Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq. will join Acting Chief Roberto L. Hylton, Prince George's County Police Department, and Interim Superintendent for Prince George's County Public Schools, Dr. William R. Hite, to announce a new collaboration among the entities.

The "Community Policing Partnership" will encourage student attendance in all County public schools particularly on the days of High School Assessment (HSA) testing. As part of the alliance the Prince George's County Police Department will have an increased presence around public schools and will work in conjunction with school personnel to return students to school who are found to be truant.

Upcoming HSA testing dates are January 12-15, 2009, May 18-21, 2009, and June 2-5, 2009.