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HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH UNDERWAY

The Board of Education of Harford County has begun its search for a new Superintendent of Schools, due to the sudden death of Dr. Jacqueline C. Haas, who had been superintendent for more than 10 years. Patricia L. Skebeck was named Interim Superintendent to serve until July 1, 2009. Mrs. Skebeck plans to retire at the end of her term as Interim Superintendent.

Working in conjunction with the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), the Board has established the timeline and action steps leading to the appointment of a new Superintendent. The target date for hiring the new Superintendent is July 1, 2009, in accordance with Maryland law.

A key step in the search process is obtaining input from the community and other stakeholders about the characteristics and qualities important in a new Superintendent for Harford County Public Schools. Parents and other interested community members are invited and encouraged to participate in community meetings to provide guidance to the Board in establishing criteria for their search.

Two Parent/Community Focus Group sessions hosted by MABE will be held:

- **Tuesday, January 27th, Fallston High School, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, January 28th, Havre de Grace High School, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Additional meetings will also be scheduled for stakeholder focus groups including Elected/Government Officials, Community Leaders, HCPS Senior Staff, Employee Association Leadership, Students, Teachers, Support Staff, Principals, and Central Office Staff. Invitations to those sessions will be sent out as soon as the information is available.

MABE will conduct a media briefing regarding the Superintendent search on Tuesday, January 27th, at 11:00 a.m., in the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building Board room, 102 S. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air.

For more information regarding the Superintendent search, contact the HCPS Communications Office at 410-588-5203.