



# In The Loop

The Board of Education of Harford County met in an open business meeting on Monday, August 4, 2008 in the Board Room of the HCPS/A.A. Roberty Building and took the following actions or received the following presentations:

- Appointed Dr. Deborea Montgomery to be Coordinator of Non-Public Placements and Interagency Supports, Special Education Office, and promoted Teri Kranefeld to Manager of Communications, Public Information Office.
- Recognized the HCPS Budget and Finance offices on receiving two national awards from the Government Finance Officers Association for financial reporting and budget documents.
- Received a presentation on the Maryland Scholars Program by June E. Streckfus of the Maryland Business Roundtable. [Click here to view the presentation.](#)
- Unanimously approved the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for submittal to the Interagency Committee for Public School Construction Program.  
[Click here to access the 2008 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.](#)
- Approved the Educational Specification and Schematic Design for Youth's Benefit Elementary Replacement School. This project was postponed by Harford County Government for occupancy in August 2012 and may be further delayed due to funding constraints; however, the design process will be complete in February 2009.  
[Click here for the Educational Specifications and Schematic Design for Youth's Benefit Replacement School.](#)
- Received a presentation of the Legislative Audit, including the Financial Management Practices Audit Report for HCPS, a comparison of HCPS to school system audits, and positive comments and best practices demonstrated by HCPS. The report sites 20 recommendations based on the audit process that included an examination of 11 areas within the school system.  
[Click here for the Legislative Audit Report.](#)  
[Click here for the comparison to other systems.](#)  
[Click here for the best practices.](#)
- Received an update on the progress of the work of the Communications Advisory Committee on developing a Communications Strategic Plan for the system.  
[Click here to review a draft of the plan.](#)
- Received a presentation of the results of the Student Motivation Survey. The survey was first developed in 2007 in order to gauge the motivations of students to want to learn and how their motivation is affected by the school setting; the survey was revised to explore additional dimensions of engagement and repeated in May 2008.  
[Click here to access the Student Motivation Survey Presentation .](#)  
[Click here to access the Student Motivation Survey Data.](#)
- Received a presentation during the Superintendent's Report on presentation of the schematic design for phase III of the Bel Air High School project and the athletic field improvements between the new high school and the middle school. In order to accommodate security of the Astroturf field for the stadium, the football field will be moved in order to allow the community to access the track without risk of field damage. [Click here to see the schematic of the changes made to the fields.](#)