



“If  
America  
hopes to  
secure  
its  
future,  
children  
must  
come  
first.”

- Ernest L. Boyer



“We can’t be  
satisfied until every  
one of our students  
takes advantage of  
the opportunity to  
maximize his or her  
potential.”

-Jackie Haas



“The measure of a person is the ratio between what she is and what she might be.”

-H.G. Wells



“Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children.”

Tatenka Iyotak (Sitting Bull)





## 2008-09 Board of Education of Harford County

### Key Initiatives

1. Student Achievement – AYP or better
2. Communication Strategic Plan/Audit Recommendations
3. High School Reform
4. Middle School Reform
5. Elementary School Reform
6. School Safety

### Strategic Plan Implementation

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| Goal 1     | Every child feels comfortable going to school        |
| Focus Area | School Uniforms                                      |
| Benchmark  | (1.3.1.1) A decision will be made on school uniforms |

“The incredible power of a teacher comes from modeling high expectations.”

- Larry Bell





“It is with great sadness that I learned of the sudden passing of Jacqueline C. Haas, a valued colleague and invaluable mentor.

As Superintendent of Harford County Public Schools since 1998, Jackie Haas was an inspiration to all of us who aspire to excellence in the field of public education.

She exemplified a life of devoted service to others, in both her personal and professional achievements...



...Jackie Haas personified a unique combination of professional excellence and personal warmth that will be sorely missed by all of us.

We mourn her loss even as we celebrate her life, and recognize the powerful example she provided to everyone who cares about education and the well-being of children.”

Dr. Andrés A. Alonso,  
CEO , Baltimore City Public School System



“The purpose of life is a life of purpose.”

- Robert Byrne





“Dr. Haas was an incredible woman and role model. When you spoke with her she listened not only as a superintendent, but as a person.

She made everyone feel valued and cared about; she was what a good boss should be. Sure, she had to make tough decisions. When you take the top job you aren't going to make everyone happy, but you always knew her focus was for the students.”

-Anonymous Comment on Website









“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. It’s overwhelming to consider the continuous opportunities there are to make our love felt.”

-Leo Buscaglia









“Once convinced that a particular course of action is the correct one, a leader must be undaunted when the going gets tough.”

-President Ronald Reagan

*To Jackie Haas  
With best wishes,*

*Ronald Reagan*





“Life is like a stone,  
skipping over clear  
water.

You don't know how  
many skips you are  
going to get, or for  
how long.

What's important are  
the ripples you make  
and how they affect  
the ones around you.”

- Donnie Christensen



“The  
beautiful  
thing about  
learning is  
nobody can  
take it  
away from  
you.”

- B. B. King





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“Until you’re ready to look foolish, you’ll never have the possibility of being great.”

- Cher



REFLECTIVE

BALANCED

THINKERS



“The final test of a leader is that they leave behind them in other people the conviction and the will to carry on.”

-Walter Lippmann



Be like a tree in pursuit  
of your goals. Stand firm,  
grip hard, reach upward,  
bend to the winds of heaven  
and learn tranquility.

