

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY  
RECOGNITION**

**THE MIDDLE STATES COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL STUDIES  
COHEN-JORDAN AWARD**

**PETER F. GRIFFITHS, C. MILTON WRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL**

**April 23, 2018**

**Background Information:**

Founded in 1903, the Middle States Council for Social Studies (MSCSS) is the oldest professional organization in the country devoted solely to social studies education. MSCSS engages and supports educators in strengthening and advocating social studies as a core discipline. With members across the country, MSCSS serves as an umbrella organization for elementary, secondary, college and university professionals, who are involved with all social studies disciplines. The mission of MSCSS is to provide leadership, service, and support for social studies educators of all levels.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Peter F. Griffiths, of C. Milton Wright High School, is the recipient of the Middle States Council for Social Studies Cohen-Jordan Award for his support and service in the advancement of social studies in 2017. This award is presented to an outstanding secondary social studies teacher who sets high standards for social studies instruction in a middle or high school classroom. This award is named for two past presidents of the Middle States Council, Bernard Cohen (1996-1998) and Sister Ann Jordan (1992-1994). Mr. Griffiths earned the award by demonstrating that he challenges himself and his students by learning the new tools and philosophies related to the social studies field. His desire to learn and take on leadership roles have made him an influential contributor to his school district.

The Middle States Council for Social Studies presented Mr. Griffiths his award during a Presidential Reception at their conference on March 2, 2018.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County express its sincerest congratulations to Mr. Peter F. Griffiths for having been honored with The Cohen-Jordan Award from the Middle States Council for Social Studies and wish him continued success in his teaching career.