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## **SUPERINTENDENT TOMBACK ANNOUNCES END OF TERM**

In a statement emailed to all Harford County Public Schools employees this morning, Dr. Robert M. Tomback announced that his four-year term as superintendent of schools will expire on June 30, 2013, at which time he will move forward to pursue other opportunities. Dr. Tomback began his term as superintendent on July 1, 2009, replacing Interim Superintendent Patricia L. Skebeck who was serving the remainder of Dr. Jacqueline C. Haas' term.

"On behalf of the Board of Education of Harford County, I would like to wish Dr. Tomback well on all of his future endeavors," said Board President Rick Grambo. "We would also like to thank him for his four years of service to the students and staff of Harford County."

Dr. Tomback emailed the following statement to all HCPS employees today:

*"I write to you today to express my appreciation for your extraordinary work on behalf of our students, their families, and our community. Through our collective efforts, the Harford County Public Schools is a high performing school district—both by state and national measures. More of our students are performing at higher levels of achievement than ever before, and the school system's trajectory continues in an upward direction. Despite a very lean central office and operations staff, support to schools is provided in order to maximize student achievement as we focus our resources on the classroom.*

*The Harford County Public School system is well positioned to face the myriad challenges presented by our funding, the transition to Common Core State Standards, the implementation of a new teacher and principal evaluation system, and more. The core of our school system is solid; we are poised to meet the many challenges that lie ahead.*

*The favorable conditions that prevail in the Harford County Public Schools, coupled with the bright future that lies ahead, make this an opportune time for the next superintendent to be selected to lead this school system. At the close of this school year I will go forward to pursue other opportunities. It is with enormous gratitude that I thank you for the opportunity to work with you and for the students of Harford County."*

The Board of Education will now establish a timeline and action plan for hiring a new superintendent. More information regarding the superintendent search will be forthcoming when the process is finalized.

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