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## **Howard Eakes Honored with Statewide Award by the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts**

Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) proudly announces that Howard Eakes, Assistant Supervisor of Science at Harford Glen Environmental Education Center, has been honored with a 2024 Outstanding Contribution Award by the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts (MASCD). The award recognizes individuals who have made significant and lasting impacts on conservation and environmental education in Maryland.

A lifelong Harford County resident, Eakes has dedicated his career to advancing environmental education for students across the county. The Harford County Soil Conservation District nominated Eakes for the award to recognize his commitment to environmental education in Harford County, specifically his dedication to the Envirothon program. His leadership with HCPS has been instrumental in making the Harford County Envirothon Program into one of the most successful in the state. Under his guidance, HCPS teams have consistently excelled at the Maryland State Envirothon competition, with North Harford High School's team claiming the state championship in 2023, 2024 and 2025. The team placed second in the international competition in 2025.

Over his HCPS career, which has spanned three decades, Eakes has been a guiding force leading environmental education in Harford County. He led the development and implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Science Course for high school students, developed the overnight residential program at Harford Glen Environmental Education Center, and worked to secure community partnerships, including working closely with the Harford Glen Foundation, that supports the Harford County Envirothon and local teams. Additionally, Eakes was selected as the 2002 Harford County Public Schools Teacher of the Year.

Harford County Public Schools congratulates Howard Eakes on this recognition and thanks him for his continued leadership in making Harford County a state leader in environmental education.

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