

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY  
RECOGNITION**

**AUDREY E. SOLOMON  
HCPS EDUCATOR HALL OF FAME**

**November 23, 2009**

**Background Information:**

In October 2000, the Harford County Public School System began an Educator Hall of Fame program in which the Board of Education of Harford County inducts one member into the “Hall” each month during the school year. Former Harford County Public School educators who have provided at least 20 years of extraordinary service to students and staff in the school system are considered for nomination by the Harford County Retired School Personnel Association (HCRSPA). The nominee is prominently featured on the Harford County Public School website, [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org). The nominee (or his/her family in case the nominee is deceased or unavailable) is also honored at a subsequent Board of Education meeting where he/she is presented with a plaque, as well as a Board certificate and certificates from County and State government officials.

**Discussion:**

Audrey Solomon was born and raised in Harford County. After graduating from (then) Bowie State College, she began her teaching career in 1963 at Bushwood Elementary School in St. Mary’s County. In 1967, she returned to Harford County and joined the teaching staff at Dublin Elementary School for one year. From Dublin Elementary, Mrs. Solomon taught at Riverside Elementary School for another year before moving to Germany with her husband who was serving in the Army. When Mrs. Solomon returned from overseas in 1973, she resumed teaching in Harford County at Homestead Wakefield Elementary School. She taught there for 14 years, relentlessly going above and beyond her duties in the classroom. Mrs. Solomon also served on the Homestead Wakefield School Curriculum Committee. While teaching at Homestead Wakefield, Mrs. Solomon continued her educational career by earning her Master of Science in Elementary Education from Morgan State University in 1976. She also earned several other credits – beyond her master’s degree – in Elementary and Middle School Administration/Supervision from Loyola College. In 1987, Mrs. Solomon began the transition from the classroom to administration when she accepted a part-time assistant principal position at Youth’s Benefit Elementary School, continuing to teach part-time as well. In 1990, she was promoted to full-time assistant principal. Nine years later, Mrs. Solomon transferred to Deerfield Elementary School at the request of the principal at the time. At the time of her transfer, Deerfield was in the midst of the early days of total school improvement and was struggling in the area of technology. Mrs. Solomon ably chaired a Deerfield’s new technology committee and fully supported the improvement process. Mrs. Solomon also chaired and taught in the summer school program at Deerfield, where she had the opportunity to meet the individual needs of students who were experiencing extra challenges with learning. Following her six years at Deerfield Elementary, Mrs. Solomon finished her career with HCPS at Prospect Mill Elementary

School, retiring in 2003, after 38 total years of working, to spend time with her family. Her commitment to every aspect of the school, her quiet enthusiasm and her inherent interpersonal skills earned her both respect and admiration from the staff and students in the schools in which she worked.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County officially induct Mrs. Audrey E. Solomon into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame as its 146<sup>th</sup> member in recognition of her 32 years of extraordinary service to the students, staff and community of the Harford County Public Schools as a dedicated teacher and administrator. The Superintendent further recommends that the Board wish Mrs. Solomon continued health and happiness in her retirement.