

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
RECOGNITION**

GREATER EDGEWOOD EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

November 23, 2009

Background Information:

The Greater Edgewood Education Foundation, Inc. is a partnership of diverse community members who build community partnerships that raise public awareness, pride and support for the quality of education in the Greater Edgewood Area Schools and enhance educational opportunities for its students. The greater Edgewood schools include Abingdon, Deerfield, Edgewood, and William Paca/Old Post Road elementary schools, Edgewood Middle School, and Edgewood High School. The goals of the Foundation are to enhance academic excellence in the Greater Edgewood Area Schools; to build public awareness and confidence by informing the community about the strengths and innovative programs of our schools; to encourage community and business involvement in student success in a positive and supportive manner; and to obtain financial and non-financial resources on behalf of the programs of the Foundation.

Discussion:

Building a community that assists parents and students in achieving personal and educational success depends greatly on the partnerships the Greater Edgewood Education Foundation (GEEF) forms. In celebrating five years of serving the Edgewood community, GEEF recognizes Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) for being instrumental in providing support, encouragement and resources in forming a grassroots organization that strengthens learning in the Edgewood school district. The Foundation's collaboration with HCPS helps to make dreams a reality for every child. GEEF would like to present HCPS with an award in appreciation of the school system's dedication to the Foundation for the past five years.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County accept the award from the Greater Edgewood Education Foundation, Inc. The Superintendent further recommends the Board confirm its continued support to the Foundation and wish Debora Merlock continued success in her endeavors.