

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
RECOGNITION**

**PATRICIA L. SKEBECK, FORMER INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT
DR. ROBERT M. TOMBACK, SUPERINTENDENT
PORTRAIT UNVEILING**

November 23, 2009

Background Information:

The Board of Education of Harford County maintains a collection of portraits of former superintendents, as well as the current superintendent, for display in the Board room at the Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) A.A. Roberty Building. The portraits are 16" x 20" framed color photos of each of the eight former HCPS superintendents and the current HCPS superintendent. The photos are hung on the back wall near the entrance of the Board room, where they have been displayed since the opening of the building in 2006.

Discussion:

The portraits of former Interim Superintendent Patricia L. Skebeck and current Superintendent Robert M. Tomback, Ph.D. were taken by Lifetouch photography and will be unveiled during a recognition ceremony at the November 23, 2009, Board of Education meeting. Both photos will be added to the collection of superintendent portraits featured in the Board room.

Ms. Skebeck is being recognized for stepping up to serve as interim superintendent during a very trying time for the school system following the sudden death of Superintendent Jacqueline C. Haas, Ed.D. Ms. Skebeck served in this capacity from January 2009 until her retirement in June of the same year.

Following a rigorous screening and interview process designed by the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), as well as stakeholder input into the selection, the HCPS Board of Education determined that Dr. Tomback best met the criteria for the next superintendent in Harford County and was appointed to the position effective July 1, 2009.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County unveil the portraits of Ms. Patricia L. Skebeck and Dr. Robert M. Tomback and commend Lifetouch for taking the photographs.