

# **BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

## **INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

### **PRESENTATION OF ALIGNING ENROLLMENT WITH CAPACITY ENROLLMENT AND PROJECTIONS**

**November 23, 2009**

#### Background Information:

Each year the Superintendent prepares a report that contains an analysis of actual enrollment relative to state-rated capacities. Generally, this report contains information and data that will lead to the recommendation of options to better align enrollment with capacity in specific schools. There will be no accompanying recommendations provided at this time due to the final phases of the comprehensive secondary redistricting and the commencement of the comprehensive elementary school redistricting initiative early next year.

#### Discussion:

Based on the September 30, 2009 enrollment and capacities, projections were developed for each of the 53 public schools in Harford County. The Superintendent's Technical Advisory Committee convened to review and analyze the current and projected enrollments. The Committee was offered input and interpretations by representatives from the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning.

The data revealed that the September 30, 2009 Total Full Time Equivalent Enrollment was 38,191. This figure equates to 27 fewer students when compared to last year's enrollment. The September 30, 2009 elementary school Total Full Time Equivalent Enrollment was 17,161 (21 fewer students), the middle school Total Full Time Equivalent Enrollment was 8,830 (110 fewer students), and the high school Total Full Time Equivalent Enrollment was 12,053 (116 more students). The 2009 Total Full Time Equivalent Enrollment Projections includes the 147 students who are enrolled at the John Archer School. There are ten (10) elementary schools, one (1) middle school and one (1) high school that are over capacity, even though the enrollment has decreased from last year. These enrollment projections follow the same pattern of decline as the Maryland Department of Planning projections produced in 2008. This includes a gradual rise in elementary school enrollment and a steady decline in middle and high school enrollment.

#### Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept the September 30, 2009 enrollment and projection data.