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Board Meetings

For agendas, exhibits and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203.

- Monday, January 30, 2012 – Special Board Business Meeting to vote on the Superintendent’s Proposed FY 13 Operating Budget -- 6:30 p.m., A. A. Roberty Building Board Room
- Monday, February 13, 2012 – Closed Session Board Business Meeting -- 5:45 p.m., Board Business Meeting -- 7:00 p.m., A. A. Roberty Building Board Room

Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website www.hcps.org!

- **New!** The Board of Education of Harford County will hold a special Board Business Meeting to vote on the Superintendent’s Proposed FY13 Operating Budget on Monday, January 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the A. A. Roberty Building in Bel Air. For more information on the proposed budget, visit our budget site at www.hcps.org/budget.
- **Reminder!** Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) and Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union (APGFCU) cordially invite you to attend the grand opening of the Edgewood High School Academy of Finance RAM Branch on Thursday, February 2, 2012, at 8:45 a.m. at Edgewood High School. This will be the first student-run credit union in the county. Comptroller of Maryland Peter V. R. Franchot, Board of Education of Harford County President Leonard D. Wheeler, Superintendent of Schools Robert M. Tomback, APGFCU Board Chair David H. Gilbert and APGFCU President/CEO Don W. Lewis, among many other Edgewood High and school system staff, will be on site to celebrate the event.
- **Reminder!** HCPS, as well as 23 other public school systems in the state, will participate in the 2012-13 Maryland Teacher of the Year program. As in the past, any full-time classroom, resource or media teacher who spends the majority of their time teaching is eligible; school counselors are ineligible to participate. Teachers who intend to retire during 2012-13 are not eligible to be Teacher of the Year. Nominations may be self-submitted, or may be submitted by administrators, parents, colleagues, students or others. For more information and a copy of the nomination packet, visit www.hcps.org. **The nomination deadline is: February 6, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.** In addition, HCPS is soliciting support in providing gift cards or certificates to be given to a finalist in the HCPS Teacher of the Year program. If you are able to provide a donation, either one for the Teacher of the Year winner, or five (one gift for each finalist), please call us at 410-588-5203 to arrange for pick-up. Thank you for your support of our teachers, students, and school system. Without the outpouring of support by our generous business community, this recognition program would not be possible.
- **New!** The Northeastern Maryland Technology Council will hold its Annual Meeting Visionary Awards on February 15, 2012, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Richlin Ballroom. This event celebrates individuals in STEM education and technology. Jason Parks, teacher at Youth’s Benefit Elementary School is being honored in the category, “Rising Star.” There are just five award categories, and Mr. Parks is in good company along with other innovators, leaders, mentors and visionaries in the field. Mr. Park’s exceptional work pioneering the first Youth’s Benefit STEM night last school year, now the model for STEM Nights in four other locations over the next two months, contributed greatly to his nomination. For more information and to register (seating is limited), please visit www.nmtc.org.

- ***New!*** The Greater Excellence in Education Foundation, in partnership with HCPS, invites 8th - 12th grade students and their parents or guardians to attend a college and career expo on Saturday, February 18, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Edgewood High School, 2415 Willoughby Beach Road. Registration is free; however, space is limited, so don't delay! Click [here](#) for more information and the registration form.
- ***New!*** The Board of Education is seeking applicants for membership on its Citizen Advisory Committees. Membership is open to all Harford County residents, including those without children in the school system. The deadline for application is March 16, 2012. For more information, view the press release.
- ***New!*** During the Board of Education meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012, Levin Heath will be inducted into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame for his 30-year tenure with HCPS as a dedicated teacher and administrator. The induction ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the A. A. Roberty Building. In addition, the ceremony and Board meeting will be aired via live stream on the school system website at www.hcps.org. The live stream link can be found in the Board box in the lower right-hand corner of the homepage, hcps.org.
- You are cordially invited to attend the remaining 2012 All-County Concerts. The young musicians in these concerts represent the best that HCPS has to offer, and each concert promises to be an exciting experience. The All-County Orchestra Concert will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at 12:30 p.m. at North Harford High School and the All-County High School Jazz Concert will take place on Saturday, April 12, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. at Patterson Mill High School. Both concerts are open to the public and free of charge.
- HCPS, in partnership with Harford Community College and the Harford County Office of Economic Development, will host the Futures11 networking and career event on Thursday, March 22, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:10 p.m. in the gymnasium of Harford Community College. Approximately 450 high school juniors will take part, coming from the following programs: Harford Technical High School, the Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School, the Biomedical Sciences Program at Bel Air High School, the Global Studies and International Baccalaureate Program at Edgewood High School, the Academy of Finance Program at Edgewood High School and the Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Program at Joppatowne High School. The event is designed to help students begin considering their post-secondary career options.
- The MD Parent Involvement Matters Award is an annual award for parents (and others with legal responsibility for a child) whose exemplary contributions to public education have led to improvements for Maryland's public school children, teachers, schools, programs and/or policies. The award was created by the Maryland State Department of Education to highlight the positive impact parents have on public schools and to encourage all parents to get involved in whatever way they can. Additional information about the program and the nomination form are available online at www.MarylandPublicSchools.org/pima. Nominations must be postmarked by Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

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