

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**  
**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**  
**PRESENTATION ON ARMY JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS**  
**APRIL 11, 2016**

**Background Information:**

The purpose of this presentation is to provide information on Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) whose mission is “*To motivate young people to be better citizens.*” This presentation will provide data regarding the improvement of achievement standards of students that participate in the program, the opportunities for students, the application process, and current backlog to establish a JROTC unit.

JROTC accomplishes the mission by providing exceptional educational opportunities and lifelong skills to America’s youth. The Character Education Partnership identifies programs that build character as those with student outcomes including less violence; higher self-esteem; less absenteeism; higher achievement scores and academic performance; more connection to school, engagement in lessons, and commitment to success. JROTC is such a program.

The curriculum helps cadets develop life-long leadership and decision-making skills. These skills are exhibited on a daily basis; and, set a model for the student body to emulate. The curriculum supports the school’s mission and mandates by integrating technology, linking content to state standards, integrating reading and writing, and providing character and financial education.

**Discussion:**

This presentation will outline the mission, benefits, and application process.

The following information will be presented:

- Overview of the program;
- Goals of the program;
- Program benefits;
- Curriculum;
- Co-curricular activities offer by JROTC;
- How to establish a program;
- Local support for establishing a program; and
- Challenges to establishing a unit.

**Superintendent’s Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board accept this informational report on JROTC.