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Interim State Superintendent to Celebrate with North Harford Elementary School as part of Blue Ribbon Tour of Excellence

Dr. Smith and other state and local officials will be at the school May 3

Maryland Interim State Superintendent Jack R. Smith, Ph.D., will spotlight the success of one of the State's top schools on Tuesday, May 3, as the annual Blue Ribbon Tour of Excellence makes a stop at North Harford Elementary School in Harford County.

North Harford Elementary is one of six Maryland Blue Ribbon Schools selected earlier this year. The school has an impressive record of student achievement, and co-teaching addresses differentiated student needs. North Harford Elementary School is a 2014 Maryland Green School and developed a Monarch Waystation that significantly increased the population of caterpillars and adult butterflies. Afterschool programs are recognized as very innovative; the 5th grade STEM club works with robotics, pneumatics, and hydraulics. The school's partnership with area high school students provides additional science and cultural arts activities.

WHO: State Superintendent of Schools Jack R. Smith, Ph.D.
Harford County Superintendent Barbara P. Canavan
Board of Education of Harford County President Nancy Reynolds
North Harford Elementary School Principal Lisa B. Sundquist
Harford County Executive Barry Glassman

WHAT: Media are invited to attend a ceremony, reception and school tour during which North Harford Elementary School will be honored and celebrated as one of only six Maryland Blue Ribbon Schools.

WHEN: **9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**
Tuesday, May 3, 2016

WHERE: North Harford Elementary School
120 Pylesville Road
Pylesville, MD 21132



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