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BOARD REACHES TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH HCEA REGARDING COUNTY EXECUTIVE ONE-TIME PAYMENT

The Board of Education of Harford County and the Harford County Education Association (HCEA) today reached a tentative agreement to add an amendment to the 2011 – 2012 contract regarding the disbursement of the first installment of the County Executive’s proposed \$1,250 stipend for all county employees. The amendment will allow for the disbursement of the \$625 payment to all teachers, pending funding approval by the County Executive and County Council.

“It is my hope that this tentative agreement will be ratified quickly to allow our teachers to finally receive the county bonus funding that they rightfully deserve,” said Superintendent Robert M. Tomback. “I am truly pleased that HCEA agreed to tentatively accept the Board’s offer to disburse the one-time funds to our teachers.”

Following the announcement regarding the one-time bonus for all county employees in November 2011, County Executive David R. Craig vetoed the legislation that would provide funding for teacher bonuses. In order to reinstate the funding for teacher bonuses, the County Executive would have to introduce new legislation for the County Council to render a decision. Per the amendment to the HCEA contract, upon ratification by both parties, the bonus monies will be disbursed two weeks following the successful appropriation of funds by the county.

The County Council will also consider funding for the second installment of the \$1,250 bonus later this spring. If approved, the second \$625 payment would be disbursed in June 2012.

Copies of the agreements may be found on the Board of Education’s Collective Bargaining webpage, which can be found on the school system website at www.hcps.org by clicking on the ‘Board’ tab.

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