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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Nancy S. Grasmick *Nancy*
DATE: February 24, 2009
RE: Recognition of Mr. Willard Hackerman

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agenda item is to recognize the extreme generosity of Mr. Willard Hackerman and to express appreciation for his contribution to fund *The Willard Hackerman Reading Project*.

BACKGROUND:

The Willard Hackerman Reading Project will provide an opportunity for teachers at 15 schools in four Maryland school systems to provide rich literacy experiences for their students, to model excellent reading habits, introduce students to various literary styles, challenge student comprehension levels, and exercise student critical thinking skills.

The Willard Hackerman Reading Project provides funds for teachers to purchase texts, in a variety of literary styles, to read aloud to their students. As part of the project, teachers will commit, to the extent practicable, to read aloud to their students for approximately ten minutes, on a daily basis, and will engage their classrooms in meaningful dialogue concerning the daily reading.

The following schools are participating in *The Willard Hackerman Reading Project*:

Baltimore City:

Booker T. Washington Middle School; Chinquapin Middle School; Northeast Middle School; William H. Lemmel Middle School

Baltimore County:

Deep Creek Middle School, Golden Ring Middle School; Holabird Middle School; Lansdowne Middle School; Old Court Middle School; Southwest Academy; Windsor Mill Middle School; Woodlawn Middle School

Caroline County:

Colonel Richardson Middle School



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Howard County:
Cradle Rock K-8; Laurel Woods Elementary School

ACTION:

For information and recognition. No action required.