



**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY
MEETING AGENDA ITEM**

TITLE: Proclamation – National Principals Month **DATE:** October 2, 2018

PRESENTER(S): Monifa McKnight, Ed.D., Chief School Management and Instructional Leadership Officer

Strategic Call To Action Alignment: Value – Every Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) stakeholder feels happy and rewarded in their roles and takes pride in cultivating the learning community. Responsive and Efficient Operations – Principals will be acknowledged to elevate their value in HCPSS through their leadership and commitment to students, staff and families in HCPSS.

OVERVIEW:

The National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals have designated October as National Principals Month.

The Board of Education is requested to also designate October as National Principals Month in the Howard County Public School System as a way to express gratitude to school principals for their hard work and dedicated service on behalf of our students.

RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION:

Approve the proclamation honoring school principals and designating October 2018 as National Principals Month in the Howard County Public School System.

SUBMITTED BY: _____
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Chief School Management
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Officer

APPROVAL/CONCURRENCE: _____
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Superintendent

Karalee Turner-Little
Deputy Superintendent

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PROCLAMATION
DESIGNATING
OCTOBER 2018
AS
NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

WHEREAS it is the mission of the Howard County Public School System to ensure academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing environment that closes opportunity gaps; and

WHEREAS principals are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, managers of student behavior, community builders, public relations experts, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs administrators, and guardians of various legal, contractual, and policy mandates and initiatives, as well as being entrusted with the education and development of young people, our most valuable resource; and

WHEREAS principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, they establish and achieve a school mission and vision relevant to students and staff, and set performance goals and objectives for schools to achieve educational excellence; and

WHEREAS the professional responsibilities of school principals include building the leadership capacity of staff members and mentoring aspiring administrators; and

WHEREAS school principals often need to manage numerous responsibilities, work extended hours, and make difficult decisions; and

WHEREAS the success of a school depends on the principal's ability to work collaboratively with all stakeholder groups and establish positive relationships by building trust, practicing open communication, and building a restorative culture that emphasizes learning and growth for all stakeholders; and

WHEREAS school principals effectively promote the success of students and staff through efficient management of the school's organization, operations and resources; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education wishes to acknowledge the significant role that school principals have in creating and preserving high quality public schools that are a source of local pride and are recognized as being among the best in the nation;

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Education designates October 2018 as National Principals Month in the Howard County Public School System; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board of Education extends sincere appreciation to school principals for their individual and collective commitment to the success of all students in the Howard County Public School System.

Cynthia L. Vaillancourt, Chairman
Board of Education of Howard County

Michael J. Martirano, Ed.D., Superintendent
Howard County Public School System