

## PTACHC Superintendent's Liaison Report – May 1, 2017

### **Achievement Gaps**

Graduation is rapidly approaching and soon students will be headed for college. According to National Clearing House data, [Howard County is closing the gap](#) between students of color and white students enrolling, persisting and completing college. In looking at the data, we found strategies for further improvement as well.

### **Best High Schools**

Five Howard County high schools have been ranked among the best in Maryland and the nation by [U.S. News & World Report](#). Marriotts Ridge and River Hill high schools are ranked among the top 10 in the state. The HCPSS schools included on the list and their respective state rankings among 206 Maryland schools are:

- Marriotts Ridge #6
- River Hill #7
- Centennial #11
- Mt. Hebron #18
- Atholton #34

### **EPA Recognizes HCPSS IEQ**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently [recognized](#) HCPSS's success and commitment to implementing best practices for maintaining good [Indoor Environmental Quality](#) (IEQ) in our buildings.

### ***Announcements and Upcoming Events:***

#### **Special Education Family Resource Fair**

Saturday May 6, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Cedar Lane School in Fulton

A free [Family Resource Fair](#) for families of students of all ages receiving special education and early intervention services will take place this Saturday. Enjoy games and activities and explore services, resources and tools available to families from more than 50 community service providers.

#### **Redistricting Online Survey**

HCPSS is beginning the redistricting process in preparation to open New Elementary School #42 in Hanover in fall 2018. Submit your feedback on school boundary adjustments via an [online survey](#) through Friday, May 12.

Find the latest information on redistricting on the School Planning website: <http://www.hcpss.org/school-planning/>

#### **Parent Involvement Matters Award (PIMA) – Call for Nominations**

The [Parent Involvement Matters Award](#) recognizes parents and guardians who have made significant contributions to public education that have led to improvements for HCPSS students, teachers, schools, programs and/or policies. The deadline for submitting nominations is Monday, May 15, 2017. Nomination forms and information: <http://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2017/04/pima-award-nominations/>

#### **Public Hearings on Policies**

Board of Education meeting, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

- Policy 1060 Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, or Intimidation
- Policy 4080 Disposition of Property
- Policy 9290 Gangs, Gang Activity, and Similar Destructive or Delinquent Behavior