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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

DATE: June 28, 2016

SUBJECT: Maryland Superintendent of the Year - 2016

PURPOSE:

To recognize Dr. David Cox, Superintendent, Allegany County Public Schools, on his selection as Maryland's Superintendent of the Year – 2016.

BACKGROUND:

In July of 2009, Dr. David Cox was appointed as Superintendent of Schools in Allegany County, Maryland, and was reappointed for a second term in July of 2013. During his tenure in the Allegany County Public School System, Dr. Cox formed a Community Resource Committee for the Utilization Study of Secondary Schools in Cumberland that was charged with making recommendations to the school board regarding long-range capital improvement priorities for these schools. This has led to the current design and planned construction of a new Allegany High School, which will open in the fall of 2018.

In addition, during Dr. Cox's tenure, Allegany County Public Schools has increased its graduation rate to above 92%; significantly increased the number of students taking Advanced Placement and College Courses; became home to two additional National Blue Ribbon Schools for a total of three schools with this ranking; established a multiple award-winning Elementary Chinese Immersion Program; implemented Active Learning Labs (ALL) pilot focusing on student engagement in a technology rich environment; and has offered a high quality preschool opportunity to all interested parents.

Dr. Cox is the 2016 Maryland Superintendent of the Year and is the President of the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland for 2016-2017. He has been elected to the Vestry of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Cumberland, Maryland, and to the Board of Directors of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. Also, Dr. Cox is an active member of the Cumberland Rotary and LaVale Lions Club.

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Dr. Cox came to Allegany County with ten years of experience as a superintendent in Virginia. Prior to becoming a superintendent, Dr. Cox served as an assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, an elementary school principal, a middle school assistant principal, and a middle and high school teacher in Virginia, Kansas and Tennessee. Dr. Cox received his Doctorate in Educational Leadership, his Masters of Supervision and Administration, and his Bachelors of Music Education, all from East Tennessee State University in his native Northeast Tennessee.

ACTION:

The Board wishes to congratulate Dr. Cox on his selection as Maryland's Superintendent of the Year for 2016 and to thank him for ongoing leadership as superintendent of Allegany County Public Schools.

Attachment

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EDUCATION

1991 – 1994	East Tennessee State University <i>Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership</i>	Johnson City, TN
1986- 1987	East Tennessee State University <i>Master of Education in Supervision and Administration</i>	Johnson City, TN
1979 -1984	East Tennessee State University <i>Bachelor of Music Education</i>	Johnson City, TN

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009 – Present	Alleghany County Public Schools <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>	Cumberland, MD
2001-2009	Culpeper County Public Schools <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>	Culpeper, VA
1999 – 2001	Pulaski County Public Schools <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>	Pulaski, VA
1997 – 1999	Unified School District 443 <i>Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction</i>	Dodge City, KS
1994 - 1997	Unified School District 443 <i>Principal, Linn Elementary School</i>	Dodge City, KS
1993 - 1994	Kingsport City Schools <i>Interim Assistant Band Director</i> <i>(while completing residency and dissertation for Ed. D.)</i>	Kingsport, TN
1989 - 1993	Hawkins County Public Schools <i>Assistant Principal, Church Hill Middle School</i>	Church Hill, TN
1985 -1993	Hawkins County Public Schools <i>Director of Bands, Rogersville Middle School</i> <i>Assistant Director of Bands, Cherokee High School</i>	Rogersville, TN
1984 - 1985	Appomattox County Public Schools <i>Director of Choral Music</i>	Appomattox, VA

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/LEADERSHIP ROLES

- American Association of School Administrators (AASA)
 - Maryland Representative, Governing Board, 2013 – present
 - Director of the National Conference on Education Singing Superintendents, 2012 - present
- Public School Superintendent Association of Maryland (PSSAM)
 - Secretary, 2014-2015
 - President Elect, 2015-2016
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- Phi Delta Kappa; Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Maryland Superintendent of the Year, 2016
- Chazz Offutt Community Spirit Award, Alhambra Hooley Plunge, 2012
- WCBC Radio Person of the Year, 2012
- NAACP Bridge Builder Award - Culpeper County, VA, 2008

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Presenter, District Administration Leadership Institute, Colorado Springs, CO – April 2016
- Panelist Presenter with Dr. Bob Marzano, Maryland State Superintendent, Dr. Lillian Lowery at the Maryland Common Core Conference in Ocean City, MD - "The Future of Public Education" - Mar 2015
- Director of the "AASA Singing Superintendents" at the Annual National Conference on Education - Feb 2013 to Present
- AASA Symposium for Educational Leadership and Academic Standards in Australia - July 2010
- ACPS District Leadership Team Book Studies Leader: "Good to Great", Jim Collins; "A Whole New Mind", Dan Pink; and "Drive", Dan Pink - Jul 2010 to Jun 2013
- Adjunct Instructor of Curriculum and Instruction, Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD, 2014 - present
- Adjunct Instructor of Education Law, Human Resource Management, and School Finance, George Mason University and Shenandoah University (2003-2009)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Emmanuel Episcopal Church Vestry Member – 2014 to present
- Emmanuel Episcopal Church Choir – 2009 to present
- Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Education Committee – 2009 to present
- Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (elected term 2013 - 2016)
- The Greater Cumberland Committee Education Taskforce – 2014 to present
- Leadership Allegany! Class of 2010
- LaVale Lions – 2009 to present
- Cumberland Rotary – 2009 to present
- Allegany County NAACP – 2010 to present