Superintendent’s Report
Board of Education
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May is always a busy month as PARCC testing begins, high schoolers take AP exams, parents attend fifth-grade transition presentations and we prepare to say goodbye to our seniors at graduation.

We received exciting news from the state last week. Kyle Smith, a rising senior at North Point High School, has been selected to serve as the Student Member to the Maryland State Board of Education for the 2017-18 school year. This is the first time in more than a decade that a Charles County Public Schools student has held this position.

We recently broke ground for Billingsley Elementary School and work is progressing nicely on the transition school where Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School children will attend next year. Dr. Mudd teachers and staff will tour of the transition school May 22 so they are able to see the classrooms and space they will move into at the end of this school year. Later today, you will receive my recommendation for the elementary school redistricting.

Last week we recognized teachers for all that they do for our children, and this week we honor school nurses. Tomorrow is National School Nurse Day. School nurses are an invaluable resource to the children at school as well as staff, and we thank our nurses for being the difference for children. It was 18 years ago – school year 1998-99 – that we decided to make the commitment to place nurses in every school through a contract and partnership with the Charles County Department of Health.

Lauren Winkler, a senior at Maurice J. McDonough High School, was named the Career Research and Development (CRD) Student of the Year for 2017 at the annual employer/employee breakfast held April 21. There are more than 75 students in this program that provides students with the opportunity to gain employment experience while in high school. More than 61 local employers participated in the program this school year and provided our students with on-the-job training related to their career goals.

Even though school is not out for the year, we are already planning summer activities. The school system will again offer summer enrichment camps and science center summer camps for students. There are more than 40 camps available starting the week of June 19. Camps are open to all Charles County students. We are also offering summer staff development opportunities for teachers.

The last day of school for seniors is May 24 with mandatory senior activities the following week. The last day for all other students is Friday, June 9, and the last day for teachers is Monday, June 12. We are busy preparing for graduations June 1st – 3rd as well as Project Graduation each night.

Thank you for your support of teaching and learning in Charles County Public Schools.