MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: National Student Leadership Week—April 16–22, 2017

WHEREAS, National Student Leadership Week serves as an annual recognition of the important roles that student leaders play in schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, This year’s theme, Making a World of Difference, amplifies a two-year student leadership initiative currently under way that focuses on global citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Student leaders are a positive influence on their peers through modeling core values, implementing actions that accomplish a shared vision, and demonstrating positive traits that inspire trust in others and in the work they do; and

WHEREAS, Schools sponsor and encourage students to seek leadership positions that offer dynamic experiences in promoting school activities, expanding social emotional learning, and developing positive attitudes that impact their peers and their communities; and

WHEREAS, In April 2017, student leadership activities include the election of the student member of the Montgomery County Board of Education, the election of the Montgomery County Regional Student Government Association officers, the Choose Respect Montgomery Conference, the Maryland Association of Student Councils’ statewide convention, a high school voter registration drive, and National Student Leadership Week; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education has a continuing commitment, with the support of school administrators, staff, parents/guardians, and community members, to instill strong citizenship values in emerging student leaders; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education hereby join with the superintendent of schools in recognizing the week of April 16–22, 2017, as National Student Leadership Week in Montgomery County Public Schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and superintendent of schools commend student leaders for their hard work and positive contributions on behalf of Montgomery County Public Schools and urges citizens to recognize student leaders and support their accomplishments as they develop the skills needed of future local, state, and national leaders.

JRS: MVN: JTB: kcr