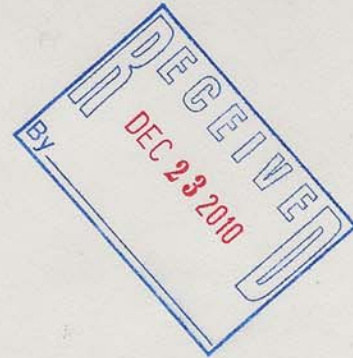


BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The Honorable Vicki Almond, Councilwoman, Second District
The Honorable David Marks, Councilman, Fifth District
County Council of Baltimore County
Old Court House
400 Washington Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Councilwoman Almond and Councilman Marks,

I received your letter dated December 17, 2010, regarding the signage at West Towson Elementary School and Ridge Ruxton School. Earlier in the school year, the principals at both West Towson Elementary and Ridge Ruxton schools received letters and calls from the community regarding the design of the outdoor sign identifying both schools.

Beginning in September, I convened key administrative and community stakeholders to review our policy on "school signage" and to investigate ways to resolve community concerns about the signage.

I am happy to inform you that in November, an amiable solution was reached. The current sign will be replaced with one that complements the attractiveness of the community and the schools' natural landscape. The new sign at the Charles Street intersection will be designed in accordance with accepted county standards and codes with space allotted to share information about programs and activities. In subsequent months, the replacement of the sign will occur as weather and work activities permit.

As always, I appreciate your interest and support of our schools and together we will preserve the historic corridor of west Towson.

If you have any questions or need further explanation, please feel free to call me on my direct line at 410.887.4281.

I hope you and your families will have a joyous and healthy holiday.

Sincerely,

Joe A. Hairston
Superintendent