

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING
OCTOBER 2015

AS

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, the consequences of drug and alcohol abuse are profound, from diminished academic achievement to the heartache of lives cut tragically short; and

WHEREAS, we must continue to support the efforts of parents and guardians, our children's first teachers and role models, whose positive influences are the most effective deterrents to alcohol and other drug use and the strongest influence for making healthy choices; and

WHEREAS, the Howard County Public School System takes a systematic approach to the identification, referral and support of students who are at risk for substance misuse through the Student Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, we collaborate with county organizations including HC Drug-Free, Howard County Police Department, Howard County Health Department, Howard County General Hospital, the Howard County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board and the PTA Council of Howard County to provide comprehensive substance abuse prevention efforts within the school and communities; and

WHEREAS, by Presidential Proclamation, October has been declared National Substance Abuse Prevention Month to pay tribute to all those working to prevent substance abuse in our communities and to strengthen our commitment to building a safer, drug-free America.

THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Education of Howard County designates October 2015 as Substance Abuse Prevention Month in the Howard County Public School System.

Janet Siddiqui, Chairman
Board of Education of Howard County

Renee A. Foose, Ed.D., Superintendent
Howard County Public School System

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