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SIX COUNTY SCHOOLS NOW CERTIFIED AS AUTHORIZED IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME WORLD SCHOOLS

Annapolis Middle and Annapolis High, MacArthur Middle and Meade High, and Old Mill Middle North and Old Mill High have received full authorization as International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme World Schools. All three school partnerships will fully implement the IB Middle Years Programme for students in grades six through 10 when the 2010-2011 school year begins Monday. The official authorization marks the end of a three-year process of self-study and extensive preparation by the three school partnerships.

“This authorization reinforces the validity of the programs we have offered at these six schools for the past several years, and I am very pleased that the IB governing body has recognized the quality work our teachers and students have done,” Superintendent Kevin M. Maxwell said. “Everyone in our county – not just IB students – benefits from rigorous and relevant programs like these.”

Annapolis, MacArthur, and Old Mill Middle North have been implementing the IB Middle Years Programme model for students in grades six through eight since the 2007-2008 school year. The IB Diploma Programme begins for students in 11th grade and is offered at Annapolis, Meade, and Old Mill high schools.

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More than 2,100 schools in 139 countries are members of the International Baccalaureate Organization. Annapolis and Old Mill high schools each received full authorization for the Diploma Programme in 2005, and Meade received its authorization in 2007. Countywide, more than 2,500 students will be involved in the IB Programme continuum in the 2010-2011 school year.

The IB Middle Years Programme offers a teaching methodology that connects school subjects to the world outside the classroom. It challenges students to consider their role in local and global communities and provides a strong foundation for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Students engage in a balanced education that includes eight MYP subject groups each year: English, World Language, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, the Arts, Technology, and Physical Education. Each of the content areas views the curriculum through five special areas of interaction: Approaches to Learning, Community and Service, Environments, Human Ingenuity (the creativity of humankind), Health, and Social Education.

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