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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

Prince George's County Board of Education welcomes its newest member Amber Waller today. Waller was sworn in yesterday after a unanimous confirmation by the Prince George's County Council at the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro.

"We are happy that the process of finding a new Board member to join us is complete. We believe Ms. Waller will bring her commitment and energy to the Board and the students of Prince George's County," said R. Owen Johnson, Chair, Board of Education. "We look forward to having her join our team."

Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson and senior members of his administration interviewed 10 finalists from the 39 candidates requesting to fill the Board of Education vacancy. Before selecting Waller, Johnson had a lengthy meeting with her to discuss her vision and her commitment to the children, parents, teachers and administrators of the school system, which serves more than 130,000 students. Waller was Johnson's final nominee for the position.

"We wanted someone who understood that they were working for the future of Prince George's County," County Executive Johnson said. "By focusing on the children, Amber gives them hope for a bright future. That is the kind of leadership we need on the Board of Education."

"We have to work as a team or else everyone suffers. I will use all my energy to ensure that the Board continues to work cooperatively with Dr. Deasy and the school administration," Waller said. "Recent successes, including improving test scores and lower drop out rates show we are a dynamic system. Now we must take it to the next level. I am eager to be part of this building process."

Waller is the President of the 8th Precinct Civic Association in Hyattsville and has previously served as a PTA President and Vice-President, as well as a regional representative to the County Council of PTAs. She works as the Executive Director of the Maryland Black Mayors, Inc.

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