INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP TO FOCUS ON SHARING IDEAS FOR ACHIEVEMENT AND TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) signed an historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) this month for an international exchange of ideas on education reform between Prince George’s County, Maryland, and Lyon, France.

“We are humbled and excited that this unique partnership is taking place in Prince George’s County,” said Dr. William R. Hite, Jr., Superintendent of Schools, during the MOU signing at the French Embassy in Washington, D.C. on April 9. “This is a unique opportunity to not only share what we have learned, but to have an international dialog on how to expand the capacity of teachers.”

Pierre Vimont, Ambassador of France; Marilyne Remer, Deputy Regional Inspector for the Lyon school district, and Dr. Hite signed the MOU that establishes an international exchange program for the two school district leaders. Beginning today, Remer starts a three-week internship program in Prince George’s County. Remer will “shadow” Dr. Hite, participate in school district meetings and events, and take part in discussions that focus on student achievement, student success in a global marketplace, and how best to expand teacher capacity and effectiveness.

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“I hope to observe these efforts in Prince George’s County and compare them to our assessments of student progress and teacher effectiveness,” said Remer. “This opportunity will open the way to further collaboration between our two school districts.”

Remer was selected by France’s educational leaders for the new exchange program because of her experience in exchange programs throughout Europe, her active role in expanding opportunities for teacher learning programs, and her bilingual talents. Her role as Deputy Regional Inspector in France is the equivalent of a school superintendent in the United States. The Lyon school district is comparable in size to Prince George’s County, both are considered urban school districts, and both share similar goals and challenges.

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