BADEN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WALK TO FIGHT BLINDNESS

WHO:        Ginuwine, R&B Singer and Performer and 1994 Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) Graduate of Forestville High School
            Maryland Senator Douglas J.J. Peters
            Baden Elementary School students

WHAT:       Baden Elementary VisionWalk

WHEN:       May 28, 2010
            10 a.m. – Prekindergarten-Grade 2 VisionWalk
            11 a.m. – Grades 3-6 VisionWalk
            Lunch with Ginuwine to follow walks

WHERE:      Baden Elementary School
            13601 Baden-Westwood Road • Brandywine, Maryland

BACKGROUND:

More than 200 students will participate in a “mock” VisionWalk tomorrow to raise funds for the Foundation Fighting Blindness. The event was organized by Baden sixth-grader, Bjorn Brooks, who is slowly losing his sight due to a degenerative retinal disease. The purpose of the VisionWalk is to raise money for retinal research and help fellow students better understand the disease.

As a show of support, students will wear dark glasses identical to those Brooks must wear every day, and will be joined by Senator Douglas J.J. Peters and R&B artist Ginuwine during the event. Ginuwine was born in Laurel, Maryland, and graduated from Forestville High School (currently Forestville Military Academy) in 1994.

The Foundation Fighting Blindness raises money to fund critical research to find treatments and cures for retinal diseases that affect more than 10 million Americans.

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