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BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR HOSTS 1,500 STUDENTS AS GRAND MARSHALL OF HISTORIC BILL PICKETT RODEO

WHO: Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq., Chair, Board of Education
Patricia Fletcher, Board Member (District 3)
Prince George’s County public schools’ students and staff

WHAT: 26th Annual Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo

WHEN: September 18, 2009
10 a.m.

WHERE: Prince George’s County Showplace Arena
14900 Pennsylvania Avenue • Upper Marlboro

BACKGROUND:

Delight and excitement will be on the faces of approximately 1,500 Prince George’s County public school students as they are greeted by Prince George’s County Board of Education Chair Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq. as the Grand Marshall of the 2009 Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo tomorrow at 10 a.m. at the Showplace Arena in Upper Marlboro.

Each year, students from elementary and middle schools in Prince George’s County are invited to the special “Rodeo for Kid’z Sake” on the Friday the rodeo is in town. Last year, Board Member Patricia Fletcher (District 3) participated as Grand Marshall.

The Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo is an innovative, educational, and exciting perspective on the history, challenges, and excitement of black Americans in the western United States. It celebrates the life of the legendary black cowboy Bill Pickett and other blacks who greatly contributed to the development of the West.