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### BOARD APPROVES NEW HIGH SCHOOL SITE

#### *Tantallon-Ft. Washington Facility Planned to Open in 2008*

Last night, the Prince George's County Board of Education voted unanimously to accept Chief Executive Officer André J. Hornsby's recommendation that a new high school should be built on property that the school system owns in the Tantallon-Fort Washington area. The proposed Tantallon Square High School would provide needed classroom space and a modern, state-of-the-art educational facility in an area where high school classrooms are currently overcapacity.

"Because Tantallon is the only parcel of land we currently own that is of adequate size and that meets all state requirements for funding, we are moving forward to ease overcrowding in the southern end of the county," Dr. Hornsby said. "This is an opportunity we cannot pass up to have a positive impact on several existing schools and thousands of students. At the same time, we continue to assess potential solutions for crowded classrooms in the northern part of our county."

Board approval of the Tantallon site is contingent upon completion of the full site selection process, which includes public input through community meetings and completion of environmental studies. In order to meet the Interagency Committee schedule and keep this project on schedule for occupancy in August 2008, Board approval and specific site information must be submitted to the State Clearinghouse by January 12, 2005.

The Board of Education has owned the Tantallon site since June 1966. The site is approximately 30 acres, located in the southeastern quadron of the intersection of Ft. Washington Road and Swann Creek Road. Tantallon is planned for a design capacity of 1,800 students according to the FY 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Program.

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