

News Release: Capitol Heights and William Paca Elementary Principals Nominated for Arts Education Leadership Award

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UPPER MARLBORO, MD – Capitol Heights Elementary principal Nina Lattimore and William Paca Elementary principal Dorothy Clowers have been nominated for the Arts Education in Maryland School Alliance (AEMS) Arts Leadership Recognition Award.

Both schools boast arts integration programs -- an innovative teaching strategy that fuses the visual and performing arts with English Language Arts, social studies, science and writing.

The Arts Leadership Recognition Award is given to Maryland public school principals who provide a creative learning environment and support teaching in and through the arts.

“As an eight-year-old student, I learned Spanish through the integration of dance, and eventually received my bachelor’s and master’s degrees in the language,” said Lattimore. “I know firsthand how arts education can contribute to student learning and achieving.”

“It’s amazing to see how infusing the arts in the curriculum has improved students’ understanding of the content areas and enhanced their critical thinking skills,” said Clowers.

The awards will be given Wednesday, November 2 at the AEMS Arts Leadership Recognition Breakfast and Forum in Baltimore.

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Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), one of the nation's 20th largest school districts, has 201 schools and centers, more than 133,000 students and nearly 20,000 employees. The school system serves a diverse student population from urban, suburban and rural communities located in the Washington, DC suburbs. PGCPS is nationally recognized for college and career-readiness programs that provide students with unique learning opportunities, including dual enrollment and language immersion.

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