

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: September 7, 2005

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED RENAMING OF LIBRARY AT CHASE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

ORIGINATOR: Jean Satterfield, Area Assistant Superintendent, Southeast

RESOURCE PERSON(S): Sharon Whitlock, Principal, Chase Elementary School

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education review and approve renaming the school library to the *Clarisse Mechanic Library*. This is the first reading.

History of the Issues: Mrs. Mechanic was the owner of the Morris Mechanic Theater and has been very active with educational programs and initiatives throughout the City and County. She has made a significant impact on Chase Elementary School, a Title I school with many at-risk students who live in subsidized housing.

Mrs. Mechanic has donated over \$20,000 to Chase over the past 8 years. She has funded many Chase initiatives, including playground equipment, field trips, books for every student in the school, fans in the classroom and gym, and part of the Chase school sign. In addition, in previous years, she served as mentor to our female students in our Chase Leadership group. She has been a strong supporter of the Chase community and is very deserving of this nomination.

Estimated Operating Funds Fiscal Impact: Less than \$50 (cost of the plaque)