

NW Advisory Council Meeting
Student Achievement
February 7, 2006

The North West Advisory Council met with the community on Tuesday, February 7th at Deer Park Elementary School in Owings Mills. A big thank you goes to Deer Park Elementary School PTA and Principal Iris Steele for their hospitality in hosting the meeting.

The topic for the evening was student achievement. We had a panel discussion which included Principals Joyce Schultz from Scotts Branch Elementary School, Tom Evans from Randallstown High School, and Sue Hershfeld from Fort Garrison Elementary School, Lauren Behar a teacher from Timonium Elementary and myself, Abby Beytin, a teacher at Timber Grove Elementary.

The information shared with the community included information about Focus Plans now used in elementary schools to help struggling students in grades 3-5 so that extra resources can help them succeed. Other information about assessments and the small learning communities now being implemented in several high schools was also shared with the audience. From the teacher prospective information about what it will take to help all children achieve was also disseminated. The audience shared some thoughts on the topic and asked questions of the panel. The handouts that were provided for the community are attached for your information.

We again had only about 20-30 people in attendance. We need a better way to communicate to the public about our meetings and a better way to send out a reminder to the public about these meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Beytin, Chair Northwest Advisory Council