BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: October 24, 2006

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **<u>NAMING OF NEW NORTHEAST AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</u>**

ORIGINATOR: William A. Lawrence, Area Assistant Superintendent, Northeast

RESOURCE
PERSON(S):   Don Dent, Executive Director, Planning and Support Operations

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approve the naming of a new elementary school at the Vincent Farms site as "Windlass Run Elementary School." This is the third reading.

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Attachment I - Summary

Summary of the naming of the elementary school on the Vincent Farms site

On September 19, 2006, staff presented a recommendation to the Board of Education to name the elementary school on the Vincent Farm site, White Marsh Elementary School. This recommendation was made after polling the Northeast Area Advisory Committee and after consideration of several other names including Ebenezer, Windlass Run, and Bird River.

On October 3, 2006, at the second reading, public comments were presented asking that the school be named Vincent Farms after the Vincent family who owned the site for decades. Various community associations also registered opposition to the name White Marsh indicating that the name White Marsh does not reflect the new school community.

Subsequently, Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent for the Northeast Area, and Mr. Don Dent, Executive Director of Planning and Support Operations, met with those individuals who advocated for the Vincent Farms name. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify the reasons why schools are not named for individual people and to solicit the group's input for an alternative name. Recommendations for an alternative name have also been received from community associations.

Based on the community input received subsequent to the first reading, staff has changed the recommendation for the name of the new school to Windlass Run Elementary School. Windlass Run is also the name of a small stream that runs near the school site.