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# Board of Education President's Report

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**Purpose:** The Board is continually asked questions concerning many areas of our educational system. They come from public testimony, direct inquires to Board members, public hearings on capital and operating budgets, and area advisory councils. Some are local to individual schools, while others cross the system. Each month during this portion of our meeting, I will provide a report which will be in response to some public concerns that Board members have become aware of. My responses will not address personnel, legal, or confidential matters.

## Public Comment

### **Issue: Use of Facilities**

**Response:** A comprehensive Report on the Use of Facilities was presented during the February 8 meeting of the Board. A copy of this report can be found on the Baltimore County Public Schools Web site at [www.bcps.org/board/exhibits/2011/020811ExhibitZ.pd](http://www.bcps.org/board/exhibits/2011/020811ExhibitZ.pd). The Board will also discuss this issue at its Retreat scheduled for March 19.

### **Issue: Stoneleigh Elementary School**

**Response:** The renovations and addition to Stoneleigh Elementary School remains a priority for the Board and will remain on the capital improvement program.

### **Issue: Language Arts Curriculum**

**Response:** The transition to the State Common Core Standards will provide an opportunity to develop a rigorous, focused, and vertically aligned PreK-12 Reading, English, Language Arts Curriculum.