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# BOARD OF EDUCATION OF DORCHESTER COUNTY

## PRESS RELEASE

Philip L. Bramble, Jr., President

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### **Superintendent's Contract Renewed**

The **Board of Education of Dorchester County** is pleased to announce the **renewal of the contract of Dr. Henry V. Wagner, Jr.** for another **four year term** as superintendent by a vote of **5-0** at the **February 20** meeting. This second term will run from **July 1, 2014** through **June 30, 2018**.

In conjunction with this action, **President Philip L. Bramble, Jr.** noted that Dr. Wagner's contract renewal **terms and compensation** are now **commensurate with the previously established value of the office of superintendent in Dorchester County**. He also **applauded** Dr. Wagner for the **gains** our district has made over the last four years in **achievement, graduation rate, Advanced Placement participation and pass rate, student behavior management, scholarships grant acquisition, dual enrollment, and safe schools**.

He also noted that the Superintendent has **kept his pledge to:**

- Involve the community through his **Advisory Council, Community Forum, and Roundtable**
- **Communicate** with all stakeholders
- Spotlight **positive student and staff accomplishments**
- Create **task forces** to foster effective ongoing **collaboration**
- Secure **additional resources** for our district

Mr. Bramble also stated that the Superintendent has **represented our district** ably in local and state venues, such as the **County Council, Board of Public Works, MSDE, MABE, ESMEC, PSSAM**, etc. He serves on important community boards and organizations, including **Salvation Army, United Way, the Dorchester Economic Advisory Council, the Partnership for a Drug Free Dorchester, the Local Management Board, and Rotary**. His final observation was that our **district processes** are characterized by **trust, integrity, and stability**.

## **Dr. Wagner's Second Term Priorities**

Following the vote to renew his contract, Dr. Wagner **thanked the Board of Education, the students and staff of DCPS, and the Dorchester community** for all of their support. He pledged to **maintain and /or increase** the positive momentum in all of the major initiatives highlighted by President Bramble, while focusing on specific **innovations/initiatives/issues** such as:

- Closing the persisting **achievement/opportunity gaps** with respect our **minority, FARM, and special education populations**
- Fostering a more **diverse and competitively compensated workforce**
- Advancing our **state rankings** with respect to prominent indicators of accountability
- Achieving **PARCC Assessment readiness** through full implementation of the **Common Core State Standards** and by advancing **technological capacity**
- Expanding **Prekindergarten** opportunities
- Securing the resources for a **new North Dorchester High School**
- Addressing projected **enrollment increases** in a proactive manner
- Expanding the appropriate use of **technology into instructional and administrative processes**