Garrett County Public Schools
Annual Report and Education
Superlatives: 2012-2013

Students' Arts Fair — April 2013
By Lindsay Crawford, Grade 11
Southern High School
A message from the Garrett County Superintendent of Schools for 2012 - 2013:

Dear Garrett County Citizens:

This 2013 Annual Report for Garrett County Public Schools offers a brief snapshot of our school system. Containing a variety of facts and figures about our school system, this document also highlights many of the accomplishments of our wonderful staff and magnificent students.

Upon examining the student achievement data, one can conclude that our school system is a high-performing district that has demonstrated growth in many areas; yet there is always room for growth and improvement.

Achieving our mission of partnering with the community to inspire and foster student growth by providing rigorous instruction and learning opportunities, sustaining a culture of excellence, and preparing our students for life in an ever-changing world is a very complex task. This task takes all of us working together. Our investments in our children represent an investment in our future.

Continuous improvement requires that we prepare and encourage all students to avail themselves of rigorous courses. In an era of pronounced educational reform, administrators, teachers, and students are shifting the instructional environment to focus on the Maryland Career and College Ready Standards. High-quality professional development is of paramount importance as we meet the diverse needs of our students.

Quality schools are an indispensable part of a thriving county. Vital to each community, our schools rely on the support from local, state, and federal governments. We celebrate and appreciate the immense support offered by our community leaders, business partners, parents and volunteers. It takes all of us to create a supportive and encouraging learning environment, rich with extra and co-curricular opportunities that develop the potential in all of our students.

Thank you for taking the time to review this information and for working together to provide a high quality education in our classrooms.

Mrs. Cynthia Downton
Garrett County School Board President 2013

Dr. Janet Wilson,
Superintendent

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Mrs. Charlotte Sebold, Member;    Mr. Thomas Carr, Member;
Mr. Rodney Reckart, Member;       Ms. Ashley Parandhamaia, Student Member
Maryland School Assessment (MSA) Results for 2012-13

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"ALL" refers to all students tested. "FARMs" refers to students who are eligible for free and reduced price meals. "Spec. Ed." refers to students who receive special education services.

High School Assessment (HSA) Results for 2012-13

The passing rate on each of the HSAs for the graduating class of 2013 exceeded the state's rate. Students not passing each of the 4 tests had to earn a combined score of 1602 to meet HSA requirements. Some students completed Bridge Plan projects to complete HSA requirements. Whichever option was chosen, 100% of the students in the class of 2013 met the HSA graduation requirement.
The cohort graduation rate ensures that all students who entered 9th grade together are accounted for in the graduation rate at the end of four years and at the end of five years.

College-Bound Students' Performance on the SAT

Graduates are Completing Approved High School Programs
High School Students are Staying in School

Cohort Drop Out Rates

The cohort drop out rate ensures that all students who entered 9th grade together are accounted for in the drop out rate at the end of four years.

Facts about the Garrett County School System

♦ In 2012-13, there were 7 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 1 elementary/middle school, and 2 high schools, for a total of 12 schools in the system.

♦ There were 4,004 students enrolled in Garrett County Public Schools as the official September 30, 2012, enrollment.

♦ The Garrett County Public School system employed a staff of 588 in 2012-13.

♦ In Garrett County, 87.5% of teachers have earned their advanced professional state certification.

♦ Per pupil expenditure for 2012-13 was $13,116.

♦ There was a ratio of 74.8 instructional staff members per 1000 pupils. The number of instructional assistants per 1000 pupils was 13.9, also exceeding the state average.

♦ Garrett County has 94.2% of its classes taught by highly qualified teachers.

♦ Hickory Environmental Education Center includes an interpretive Nature Hall and a state-of-the-art Planetarium Classroom.
Garrett County Public Schools - 2012-13 Financial Data
$52.1 million

**Revenue Sources**
- 8.0% Federal: $4.2 million
- 41.6% State: $21.7 million
- 0.4% Other: $0.2 million
- 50.0% Local: $26.0 million

**Expenditures**
- 7.8% Transportation: $4.2 million
- 4.9% Administration: $2.6 million
- 16.2% Physical Plant: $8.7 million
- 71.2% Instruction and School Support: $38.3 million
Accident Elementary School—Enrollment of 247 students

- Accident was named recipient of the 2012-13 Maryland Center for Character Education (MCCE) School of the Year award. The award recognizes the school for its efforts and accomplishments in helping students develop into their full potential as citizens and adults.
- The Character Committee worked hard with staff and students creating "Team Work" character assemblies and skits. Staff and students participated in sports-related skits during assemblies as a means to highlight the importance of good character in all aspects of school, social and personal life.
- The students worked hard to raise money for charities. Students raised over $1,500 during the Math-A-Thon to support the St. Jude’s Research Center. Students also raised over $4,000 for the American Heart Association by participating in Jump Rope for Heart.
- On the 2013 Maryland State Assessments, Accident students reached the proficiency/advanced level, scoring 85.8% in reading, 83.2% in mathematics, and 78.9% in science.

Broad Ford Elementary School—Enrollment of 641 students

- Miss Craver’s 5th grade class held a book drive for tornado victims of Henryville Elementary in Henryville, Indiana. The class collected 3,360 books. The students were able to donate books to Henryville, as well as a local charity, Landon’s Library.
- Broad Ford School participated in the annual St. Jude’s Math-A-Thon and raised $4,627.00.
- The "Bounce Back" charity drive raised $660.00 for cancer awareness. The character traits for the months of November and December were Caring and Giving. Brenda Brosniham, fitness expert, talked to the students during the Student of the Month assembly about "bouncing back" from disease and illness. The classrooms were given a string of balls to decorate the Christmas Tree in Oakland to represent money that was raised.
- On the 2013 Maryland State Assessments, Broad Ford students reached the proficiency/advanced level, scoring 85.0% in reading, 85.0% in mathematics, and 73.6% in science.

Crellin Elementary School—Enrollment of 117 students

- On the 2013 Maryland State Assessments, Crellin students reached the proficiency/advanced level, scoring 95.9% in reading, 93.9% in mathematics, and 95.0% in science.
- Crellin Elementary received the Maryland Green School Award by the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE), one of 10 Garrett County schools awarded with Green School status over the past 14 years.
- Crellin was awarded the Title 1 Distinguished Highest Performing Reward School by the Maryland State Department of Education.
- Crellin was also recognized for the Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Education from the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency).
- Crellin was featured in a documentary entitled "Schools That Change Communities" by Bob Gliner and featured on PBS.
Highlights and Recognition 2012-2013

♦ Friendsville Elementary School—Enrollment of 124 students
  • Friendsville School backmapped and aligned its science resources to the state curriculum and created benchmarks in grades 2-5. The school also brought in a retired scientist on a weekly basis to provide science enrichment hands-on activities to tie into the curriculum.
  • Friendsville’s program, “Bluegill in the Classroom”, allowed students to observe the interaction of living things with the environment and what is needed to survive. Students also measured the growth of the fish and took care of them.
  • Sunny Days Child Care opened on April 30, 2013, and is located in the school. It is open Monday thru Friday, 6:00 AM-6:00 PM, for children 2 years of age and up through 5th grade. The addition of the child care facility provides an opportunity for additional partnerships with families and schools.
  • On the 2013 Maryland State Assessments, Friendsville students reached the proficiency/advanced level, scoring 80.0% in reading, 82.0% in mathematics, and 76.5% in science.

♦ Grantsville Elementary School—Enrollment of 238 students
  • Grantsville received the Maryland Sustained Green School Status for 2012-13.
  • Grantsville’s volunteer program exceeded 1,540 hours of documented volunteer hours during the 2012-2013 school year.
  • Grantsville implemented a new positive behavior program in 2012-13. The behavior motto is: “Top Dogs are S.M.A.R.T.: Students Making Active choices about Responsibility, respect, and safety To maximize student learning.”
  • Grantsville School helped students foster a love of reading through a Reading Academy where 34 first and second grade students enjoyed a variety of reading and writing activities after school.
  • On the 2013 Maryland State Assessments, Grantsville students reached the proficiency/advanced level, scoring 83.8% in reading, 71.4% in mathematics, and 63.0% in science.

♦ Route 40 Elementary School—Enrollment of 123 students
  • The students have been working on researching, planning, and designing a natural playground. Models have been built and are now in the process of building the first piece. Many donors have contributed with PTO supporting with the remaining costs.
  • The younger students have embarked on a journey of Community History to discover the past. Family trees have been created and research has been completed on the Garrett County Schools. This information was shared with parents, community, and business leaders at the annual Student Exhibition where students shared their knowledge and expertise and fielded questions.
  • Route 40’s Lego League earned second place for its project. The students interviewed senior citizens to determine how to improve their daily living. They created the Roto-dresser that has a rotating drawer system to allow seniors to have their belongings at their fingertips at the touch of a button on a remote. The children presented a working Lego model of the design in a newscast format.
  • On the 2013 Maryland State Assessments, Route 40 students reached the proficiency/advanced level, scoring 84.6% in reading, 75.0% in mathematics, and 93.8% in science.
Swan Meadow School—Enrollment of 44 students

• Swan Meadow was selected by the State of Maryland as an Exemplary Reading School.
• Swan Meadow was honored as the Top Collection School for Kids-Helping-Kid Food Drive.
• Swan Meadow was awarded the Maryland "Green School" status.
• Swan Meadow received the ALTA Award (Achievement in Living Traditions and Arts Award).
• Swan Meadow School participated in the annual St. Jude’s Math-A-Thon.
• On the 2013 Maryland State Assessments, Swan Meadow students reached the proficiency/advanced level, scoring 94.1% in reading, 88.2% in mathematics, and 83.3% in science.

Yough Glades Elementary School—Enrollment of 362 students

• Yough Glades continues to be a Maryland Green School. The Habitat Committee is active in leading activities each year to support the Green School Status.
• Yough Glades had a successful Math/Science Title I Parent Involvement series of activities. As many as 50 families participated in each activity as they learned math and science.
• Yough Glades was successful in incorporating "Wellness" activities for staff and students. The "walking" challenge was culminated in May by inviting parents to walk with students. Nearly seventy parents participated in this activity.
• On the 2013 Maryland State Assessments, Yough Glade students reached the proficiency/advanced level, scoring 81.9% in reading, 78.4% in mathematics, and 67.2% in science.

Northern Middle School—Enrollment of 357 students

• Northern Middle participated in Dancing Classrooms which is a nonprofit arts-in-education program that serves as a social development program for 8th grade children. It utilizes the art of ballroom dancing to help students achieve social awareness, collaboration, teamwork, self-awareness, confidence, creativity, cooperation and high self-esteem.
• Denise Langley, teacher, was recognized by the Maryland Council Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) as the 2012 Maryland Outstanding Mathematics Educator. She was one of six teachers to receive the Maryland Council Teacher of Mathematics Excellence Award.
• Northern Middle School received the PBIS Maryland GOLD Award, the highest level of PBIS Maryland recognition. This level of recognition is reserved for schools demonstrating sustainability for school-wide systems, practices, and use of data based on the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program.
• On the 2013 Maryland State Assessments, Northern Middle students reached the proficiency/advanced level, scoring 90.0% in reading, 81.2% in mathematics, and 81.8% in science. On the Algebra High School Assessment, 100% of the students taking the test passed.
Southern Middle School—Enrollment of 535 students

- Southern Middle raised over $1,200 for Pennies for Patients. The funds, collected during a three-week period, benefited The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

- Brandon Green, 6th grade student, received the Carson Scholar award for the third time. He received a $1,000 college scholarship award and the coveted honor of being named a Carson Scholar. The Carson Scholars Fund is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) public charity founded in 1994 by Dr. Benjamin Carson and his wife, Candy.

- Mary Tran, 8th grade student, was awarded a certificate, medal, and $50 at the 74th Annual Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair. The award was sponsored by Carnegie Mellon University.

- On the 2013 Maryland State Assessments, Southern Middle School students reached the proficiency/advanced level, scoring 86.4% in reading, 79.2% in mathematics, and 77.4% in science. On the Algebra High School Assessment, 96.4% of the students taking the test passed.

Northern Garrett High School—Enrollment of 490 students

- Of seniors, 98% received a proficient score on the Algebra HSA, while 100% met the Maryland HSA requirements.

- In the graduating class, 57% reported offers of at least one scholarship towards post-secondary education, more than doubling the amount from the previous school year.

- The Northern Garrett High School Agriculture Program was recognized by the Maryland Agriculture Teachers Association (MATA) as the Outstanding Secondary Program in Maryland during the 85th Maryland FFA State Convention held at the University of Maryland.

- The Northern Garrett High School’s chapter of the FFA (Future Farmers of America) was named the State of Maryland’s Career and Technology Student Organization of the Year.

- On the 2013 High School Assessments, students’ passing rates were: 97.3% in English, 99.1% in Algebra, and 91.8% in Biology.
Southern Garrett High School—Enrollment of 726 students

- The FFA (Future Farmers of America) teams competed in the state competition. The Agronomy team placed first in the state of Maryland. The Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems team placed third.

- Career and Technology students competed in the Skills USA competition in Machining and Carpentry areas. Colt Mason, senior, took 1st place honors becoming the Maryland state champion in precision machine technology. Kevin Harris, 11th grade, placed third in cabinet making.

- Lisa Bender, teacher, was recognized by the Take Charge America Institute (TCAI) at the University of Arizona as a 2013 Family Economics and Financial Education (FEFE) National Master Teacher.

- Doug Oxford, teacher, was named Nobel Educator of Distinction by the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS).

- Eight seniors were inducted into Southern’s 1800 Club. The students scored an 1800 or above on SAT testing. The students were Nathaniel Longest, Zachary Tichnell, Zachary Frick, Colin Lynch, Nicole Walch, Kristen Downing, Sydney Legeer, and Sara Jones.

- On the 2013 High School Assessments, students’ passing rates were: 96.9% in English, 98.9% in Algebra, and 97.3% in Biology.

District Level

- Lindsay Crawford, 11th grade student at Southern High School, was recognized by the Board for her various pieces of artwork. Her artwork was conveyed through the use of layers of fabric. The Board of Education purchased one of her designs and is displayed at the central office.

- NeXT GEN FIRST Lego League Team 780 received the top prize of $20,000 for the FIRST® LEGO® League Global Innovation Award on June 18th at the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Virginia, for the invention of the Gramma-Jamma. The team was one of 3 finalists in a world-wide competition.

- Peter Franchot, Comptroller of Maryland, presented the Golden Apple Award to Ms. Tricia Cheesman and the Garrett Mentors Board of Directors on Thursday, March 28, 2013, at the Route 40 Elementary School to recognize volunteers, organizations, and individuals within the Maryland public school system. Winners were selected based on their demonstration of superior volunteer work in Maryland public schools.