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Subject: School Psychology Awareness Week

In recognition of Maryland School Psychology Awareness Week, to be observed on November 10 - 14, 2014, we would like to express our appreciation for the many school psychological services provided for our students, their families and school staff. The work of school psychologists contributes to the development of high quality programs for students with special needs through psychological evaluations, the assessment and development of individual behavior plans, individual and group counseling and intervention, and consultation with teachers and school staff. Their work with programs such as the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support, STAR, CPA and the intervention programs assists in meeting many student needs. These exemplary services help us all to meet the goals of our Special Education and Comprehensive Pupil Services programs.

With our sincere appreciation, we join with you in recognizing Maryland School Psychology Awareness Week.

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         Assistant Principals
         Pupil Personnel Workers
         School Counselors
         School Nurses
         Lead Team
WHEREAS, All children have a natural desire to learn and the right to an education, it is vital that society invest in education to adequately support the needs of our children and youth; and

WHEREAS, Our education system must ensure a safe, healthy learning environment for all children and be able to recognize and respond to their emotional and psychological needs, including those caused by personal or societal crises; and

WHEREAS, School psychologists are specially trained to help parents and educators identify and reduce risk factors; create effective, caring schools; access helpful community resources; and implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies to foster healthy child development and academic success; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is pleased to recognize the important role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O’MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 10 - 14, 2014 as SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this celebration to all of our citizens.