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Olivia Claus, Executive Director – School Facilities Greg Maciulla, IEQ Coordinator Howard County Public School System 10910 Clarksville Pike Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Olivia and Greg:

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), we are delighted to recognize Howard County's Leadership in developing and implementing a proactive Environmental Health Program based on EPA's Indoor Air Quality(IAQ) Tools for Schools guidelines. This letter recognizes that Howard County Public Schools are truly committed to managing their indoor environmental concerns from the classroom to the school and District levels. Your exemplary program includes staff and parents and creates a safe and healthy school environment. This a testimony of your dedication to sustaining and working towards institutionalizing IAQ management practices in your district.

EPA Region 3 commends your commitment to improving the indoor environment in your schools and protecting the health and safety of students and staff. Your work is a model for other districts in the Mid-Atlantic region and we hope that you will serve as a mentor for others to learn from your example.

Region 3 is happy to offer continued support, input and recognition as you continue making great strides in addressing IAQ in your school district. Congratulations on your successes. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lorna Rosenberg @ 215-814-5389 or Cristina Schulingkamp @ 215-814-2086.

Best Regards,

Lorna Rosenberg and Cristina Schulingkamp

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