## Superintendent's Report January 14, 2013

Chair Diane Porter, members of the Board; it is my pleasure to call your attention to a few items of special interest.

First, on behalf of the our students, teachers, and other district employees, I would like to welcome our new Board members, Mr. Brady, Mr. Haddaway, and Mr. Jones.

It is also my pleasure to recognize the entire Board as we join school districts across the Commonwealth in celebrating School Board Recognition month. Thank you all for your service to our students.

Board members Ms. Carol Ann Haddad and Ms. Debbie Wesslund were also acknowledged by the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) for completing several levels of training within the KSBA's Academy of Studies during the 2012 calendar year.

Congratulations to Ms. Porter for receiving the Interdenominational Ministerial Coalition's 2013 W. J. Hodge Leadership Award.

Also, as you may recall, Ms. Duncan is serving a three-year term as a Director-at-Large on the KSBA Board of Directors until February 2015 and was appointed by Governor Steve Beshear as a member of the School Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability Council (SCAAC) to serve a term expiring April 30, 2014.

At this time, I would like to remember Dr. J. Blaine Hudson in a moment of silence. Dr. Hudson impacted countless people with his intelligence, compassion, and commitment and is featured on our cultural competency video. What an honor for us.

We are proud of the 38 Jefferson County Public Schools' (JCPS) teachers who earned their National Board Certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. This brings the district's total of National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) to 252. JCPS leads the state of Kentucky with that number.

The Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) rounds are informing our community constituents about the inclusive and high level work our schools are doing to meet the needs of all students. We have invited community members to see PLCs at work at McFerran and Brandeis elementary schools.

The Who's Who Louisville: 2012 African American Profiles and the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation have established a scholarship fund that will provide scholarships to one deserving student in each of the 22 Jefferson County Public high schools.

As of today, I have visited 125 of our schools for a total of 194 school visits.

At this time, I recommend the consent calendar for your consideration.