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STATE SCHOOLS
OF CHARACTER

MARYLAND SCHOOL OF CHARACTER AWARDS

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Baltimore, MD—The Maryland Center for Character Education is pleased to announce **Crofton Elementary School** of Anne Arundel Co, **Mary H. Matula Elementary School** of Charles Co, **Newport Mill Middle School** of Montgomery Co, and **Westminster East Middle School** of Carroll Co, as the 2007 Maryland Schools of Character.

Sponsored by the Maryland Center for Character Education and the Character Education Partnership, the Maryland Schools of Character (MSOC) awards program recognizes schools or districts that demonstrate outstanding school climate and academic performance. The MSOC winners were chosen by a panel of independent reviewers who have been involved in character education and student development for many years. Maryland School of Character winners have advanced to the national level competition as Maryland's nominees for the National School of Character awards program. You can learn more about the national competition at www.character.org

Formal announcements and presentations will be made during the Maryland Center for Character Education's awards luncheon on September 27, 2007 at the Holiday Inn BWI. For further information about this formal announcement and school recognition, please contact the Maryland Center for Character Education. MCCEcharacter@aol.com

Contact information for the 2007 MD Schools of Character is as follows:

Crofton Elementary School
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Crofton, MD 21114
410 222 5800
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Mary H. Matula Elementary School
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La Plata, MD 20646
301 934-5412
Principal: Carol Leveilee

Newport Mill Middle School
11311 Newport Mill Road
Kensington, MD 20895
301 929 2244
Principal: Nelson McLeod

Westminster East Middle School
121 Longwell Avenue
Westminster, MD 21157
410 751-3656
Principal: Jeffrey Alisauckas

**BELOW ARE THE 25 NATIONAL SCHOOLS OF CHARACTER
AWARD FINALISTS**

25 National Schools of Character Award Finalists

Arlington Traditional School	Arlington, VA
Alhambra Elementary School District	Phoenix, AZ
South Newton Elementary	Newton, NC
Pine Point School	Stonington, CT
Birmingham Covington School	Bloomfield Hills, MI
Hartington Public School	Hartington, NE
Radix Elementary	Williamstown, NJ
Boys Town High School	Boys Town, NE
Memorial Middle School	Fairlawn, NJ
Heron Creek Middle School	North Port, FL
Hinsdale Central High School	Hinsdale, IL
Pinellas County Schools	Largo, FL
Sacred Hearts Academy	Honolulu, HI
Fairbrook Elementary	Beavercreek, OH
Colonel John Robinson Elementary	Westford, MA
Westwood Elementary	Friendswood, TX
Gillette Road Middle	Cicero, NY
Westminster East Middle	Westminster, MD
Waterloo Middle	Waterloo, NY
Peters Township Schools	McMurray, PA
Skyview Elementary	Lizella, GA
Price Lab School	Cedar Falls, IA
Chesterfield Elementary	Chesterfield, MO
Orinda Intermediate	Orinda, CA
Newport Mill Middle	Kensington, MD