



CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JAMES E. RICHMOND
Superintendent of Schools

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The Honorable Robert A. Peck
Commissioner of Public Buildings
U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F. Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Peck,

Please accept my recommendation and support for Dr. Jay Hellman and his creative concepts. He is a man of vision and energy, and we share a passion for education and the future.

As a public school system with nearly 27,000 students, we are a major component in Charles County's economic plan. Good schools are essential to economic growth. The region is in need of well-educated, forward thinking employees. During my conversations with Dr. Hellman, it is clear that he is a visionary who can help Charles County and Southern Maryland continue on a path forward. Dr. Hellman and I share views on the need for advanced technology and the re-engineering of government.

Charles County uses 21st century techniques including distance learning technologies. Most recently, we installed Telepresence which enables our students to participate in classes at schools other than where they are physically located. The State of Maryland received \$125 million to expand fiber optics to all corners of the state including Charles County.

Please let me know if I may provide you with any more information.

Sincerely,


James E. Richmond
Superintendent of Schools