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Dear Teachers:

With the start of the 2014-2015 school year upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you to what is sure to be a very exciting and transformative year. It is the goal of Baltimore County Public Schools to engage parents and guardians in frequent and timely communication related to classroom information and student progress. BCPS One, a learning management system that is an integral part of *Blueprint 2.0* and the *Theory of Action*, will assist all teachers in meeting our systemwide goal.

The online gradebook component of BCPS One provides teachers with an additional tool to further engage parents/guardians in the work of our students. Combined with other proven communication strategies such as phone calls, e-mails, and newsletters, the online gradebook is intended to enhance communication with parents/guardians of all Baltimore County Public Schools' students. It is critical that parents/guardians receive timely information through the online gradebook; therefore, we encourage all teachers to post up-to-date information as frequently as possible. To that end, the minimum systemwide expectation is that the online gradebook be updated at least once every two weeks. Principals will have the discretion to work with teachers to determine the frequency of posting and to establish guidelines, within system expectations, to meet the needs of respective campuses. Should you have any questions regarding the frequency with which information is posted, your principal is available to support you.

Additionally, in response to recent questions related to the levels of access to BCPS One, you will find the document entitled, BCPS One - *Levels of Access Teacher Guide*. As always, should you have questions that remain unanswered by these guides, you are encouraged to send your questions and/or comments to bcpsone@bcps.org. Staff will address your questions.

The Division of Curriculum and Instruction is committed to supporting the needs of your students and schools as we continue to meet system goals outlined in *Blueprint 2.0* and the *Theory of Action*. I wish each of you a successful school year and look forward to visiting you on your campuses as the year progresses.

Sincerely,

Verletta White
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