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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Nancy S. Grasmick *Nancy*  
**DATE:** January 26, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Recognition of Maryland's 2009 National Milken Educator

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**BACKGROUND:**

In November, 2009, Michael Milken and Nancy Grasmick announced to a surprised teacher at Annapolis High School, that she had been selected as a winner of the prestigious Milken National Educator Award. The announcement took place at a school assembly with the entire student body.

Maryland has had a partnership with the Milken Family Foundation for seventeen years, and has successfully identified fifty-four Maryland educators who have won the Milken prize, a non-restricted cash award of \$25,000. This cash award will be given to each national winner at this year's Milken Educator Forum being held in May, 2010 in Santa Monica, California. With this year's honorees, the Milken Foundation will have contributed \$1,350,000 to Maryland's Milken National Educators. Each year, the Maryland State Board of Education honors the newly selected teacher.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This year's recipient is **Kimberly Jakovics**, Social Studies Academic Chairperson at Annapolis High School in Anne Arundel County. Kim will be accompanied by her superintendent, principal, and local administrators.

The recipient will be introduced and a brief video will be shown capturing the excitement of the surprise announcement made this past fall. Ms. Jakovics will speak briefly about the personal and professional significance of this recognition.

**ACTION:**

Our new Milken National Educator will be presented the Milken National Educator crystal obelisk and an MSDE/State Board Citation. Commemorative photos will be taken. State Board members will have an opportunity to congratulate the winner and her professional colleagues.

