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Dear Superintendents of Schools:

We are pleased to announce that a *Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)* introductory workshop will be conducted on Tuesday March 27, 2012, at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center in Ellicott City, Maryland. You and the following members of your staff are cordially invited to join us for this event: Director of Pupil/Student Services; Director of Special Education; Supervisor of Pupil Personnel/Social Workers; Supervisor of Guidance; School Psychological Services representative; representatives of potential *PBIS* schools; and other key members of your staff.

This event is a continuation of the Maryland State Department of Education's (MSDE) partnership with the Sheppard Pratt Health System (SPHS) and the Johns Hopkins University Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence to provide support to our school wide *Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)* Initiative. *PBIS* is a proven strategy that is making a dramatic difference in the way many of our schools do business and is highly successful in creating educational environments that are safe, drug free, and conducive to learning. We are extremely proud of the success experienced by the schools that have implemented *PBIS*.

The workshop will provide an update on the success of *PBIS* in Maryland; an overview of the critical features of school wide implementation; and information about the advantages of implementing School wide *PBIS* in schools. We will also provide an interactive panel discussion led by administrators of successful *PBIS* schools. Each attendee should go to www.pbismaryland.org to complete the registration form not later than **March 19, 2012**. Registration and a continental breakfast will begin at 8:00 AM, and the presentations will begin promptly at 9:00 AM. We will provide lunch and will conclude by 3:00 PM. Directions to Turf Valley will be provided with the registration confirmation.

We are convinced that this initiative will help schools create and maintain safe and disciplined learning environments for our most important resource--our children. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Andrea Alexander, Specialist, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, at (410) 767-0318 or email aalexander@msde.state.md.us. Thank you for your continued support of this initiative.

Sincerely,

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