

## **Promoting Education**

### **June 20, 2006**

- The Charles County Commissioners voted in favor of executing the resolution and petition from the College of Southern Maryland for the addition to and renovation of the Science and Technology Building on the College's La Plata campus. Funding will come from the Maryland Higher Education Commission. The resolution acknowledges that the College is applying for State funding, that the Commissioners are on board with the funding, and that the County could be responsible for a portion of the funding for completion of the project, but only if the County agrees to allow the College to proceed with the project.

*Contact for more information, Department of Fiscal Services, 301-645-0570.*

### **February 27, 2006**

- Dr. Elaine Ryan, President of the College of Southern Maryland, and Joseph Shannon, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented the State of the College, which is celebrating its fifth year as the College of Southern Maryland. It highlighted the quality standards, size and student demographics, enrollment figures, College goals, service to the community, Workforce Development, outreach progress, access to the College, and future focus.

### **September 26, 2005**

- The Charles County Board of Education met with the County Commissioners to discuss elementary school start-up costs. School Board Chairman Margaret Young said that the school system could not absorb more than one new school opening each year without additional funding. The Commissioners had indicated they wanted to accelerate the building of two elementary schools with the schools absorbing the operating costs, but they rescinded their decision of August 30, 2005, after a report from the schools that they could handle only one new school per year. The Commissioners also indicated their commitment to fund the start-up costs, above the 52.4% the school system receives from the County budget, based upon one new school per year, if necessary, and evaluate additional costs on a school-by-school basis.

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