

**CLINTON, MD** – Today, Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) hosted a luncheon with outstanding educators in the Fifth District who have been honored as exemplary teachers and principals. Among those who participated in today's event were the recipients of the 2010/2011 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award, County Teacher of the Year, and the recipient of the 2010/2011 Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award.

"As a nation, we owe our teachers a great debt, not only for our education in the classroom, but for inspiring and encouraging us to be and do better," **stated Congressman Hoyer**. "I hope Marylanders will join me in honoring our teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to local communities. We must work harder to ensure teachers have the tools and rewards they deserve – a livable salary, safe classrooms, and sufficient resources for quality instruction. If we forsake our obligation to teachers, we risk a promising future for our children and nation."

Honorees at today's luncheon included:

*ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY:*

Danny Imwold, Science Teacher, North East High School, Agnes Meyer Award

Laura Groo, Language Arts Teacher, Southern Middle, County Teacher of the Year

*CALVERT COUNTY:*

Karen Vogel, Principal, Sunderland Elementary School, Principal of Excellence

Marcella Gruver, Special Education Teacher, Sunderland Elementary School, Agnes Meyer Award

Julie Morrison, Math Teacher, Calvert High School, County Teacher of the Year

*CHARLES COUNTY:*

Amy DiSabatino, Principal, Wade Elementary School, Principal of Excellence

Christine Dutrow, English Teacher, North Point High School, Agnes Meyer Award

Stephanie Harris, Language Arts Teacher, Milton Somers Middle School, County Teacher of the Year

*PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY:*

Judith White, Principal, Dodge Park Elementary School, Principal of Excellence

Brian Weeks, Math Teacher, Greenbelt Elementary School, Agnes Meyer Award

RaeShauna Mboma, Special Education Teacher, Baden Elementary School, County Teacher of the Year

*ST. MARY'S COUNTY:*

Susie Fowler, Principal, Lexington Park Elementary School, Principal of Excellence

Michelle Hirtz, Kindergarten Teacher, Lexington Park Elementary School, Agnes Meyer Award

Charles Skinner, Physics Teacher, Great Mills High School, County Teacher of the Year