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PRESS RELEASE

Local Mayor gives Elementary School Students a Fresh Start

Seat Pleasant, MD, August 21, 2009: Eugene W. Grant, mayor of Seat Pleasant, Maryland and president of the Maryland Black Mayors, Inc. will host a welcome back to school event presenting school supplies to the Seat Pleasant Elementary School located at 6411 G St., Seat Pleasant, MD on Monday, August 24, 2009 at 7:45 am.

This year the school supplies will be provided by a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide youth with positive activities and instruction known as the ANC Umbrella Foundation. Also an organization known as the "I Love My People" will be providing back packs.

Mr. Carl Mann Johnson, co-founder of the foundation who usually functions in DC will for the first time be serving youth in Maryland. The foundation's theme for this year is "Fresh Start". This theme falls in line with Mayor Grant's focus for the beginning of each school year. Mayor Grant stated, "It is important that each student look at the school year as a fresh start to a successful school year, what starts right ends right".

Boxes of supplies will be taken to various classrooms. Other supplies will be given to school principal, Dr. Kasandra Lassiter to distribute to those students she identifies as being at risk of not receiving school supplies due to the economic barriers of their families.

Mayor Grant will visit various classrooms to give encouragement to the students as the new school year begins. He will be joined by **Lavar Arrington**, former Redskins linebacker and owner of Sidelines Restaurant, **Kevin "Silk" Brewer**, Partner, the Sideline Restaurant, **DJ D-Nitty**, the Sideline Restaurant, **In Tha Lyme Lyte Entertainment**, **Tray Chaney** aka, Poot from The Wire (HBO), **Will "Onix" Lash** (VH1), **Don Juan**, Battery/Jive Records, **Robyn Janelle**, Geffen Records and friends from the Glenarden Barber Shop.

The mayor and city council of Seat Pleasant, MD annually appropriates \$5,000 in their fiscal year budget to the Seat pleasant Elementary School.

Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence is a small urban community situated east of the District of Columbia with a population of approximately 5,000 residents, 100 businesses, and 13 churches in Prince George's County, Maryland. The government is comprised of an elected mayor and seven councilmember's who serve a four year term. The City Administrator runs the daily operations of the City and oversees a budget of \$3 million dollars annually.

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