

Howard County Public School System

School News

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RE: Sofiac – Marriotts Ridge High School Partnership to Enhance IT Skills

Ellicott City, MD--- A new partnership with Sofiac, Inc. will help Marriotts Ridge High School students and staff to develop leading edge knowledge and skills in computer science and information technology. The partnership will be formalized with an official signing at the Waterside Restaurant in the Sheraton Columbia Hotel on Friday, August 15.

Under the terms of the partnership agreement, Sofiac will collaborate with school faculty to develop computer and information technology class projects that are relevant to current, real world applications. The company will also share information on a variety of information technology and business topics through presentations to students and school staff.

At 8:30 a.m., Brian Walsh, President and Owner of Sofiac, will join Ellen Flynn Giles, Vice Chairman, Howard County Board of Education; Patrick Saunderson, Principal, and Reginald Hahne, CTE Team Leader, Marriotts Ridge High School; and Joan Fox of the Partnerships Office to sign the formal partnership agreement.

Sofiac (www.sofiac.com) is primarily focused on custom software development. The Columbia-based company also offers educational services and staff augmentation, and participates in graphical design, testing, and upgrades, and system integration and enhancement.

The Howard County Public School System's Partnerships Office (www.hcpss.org/aboutus/partnership) unites businesses and community organizations with schools to enhance the educational experience. Partnerships benefit schools, businesses, and the entire community by leveraging the resources of all participants. Partners may commit human or financial resources or other support.

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