

St. Mary's County Public Schools  
Division of Supporting Services  
Department of Operations

## **Glossy Awards**

The Department of Operations has developed a recognition program that is based on the monthly cleanliness inspections that are performed each month. These inspections are based on things that are tangible. Either it is dusty or it is not, either scuffmarks are present or they are not, either there are stains in the carpet or they're not. The inspection day's wear and tear is taken into consideration when the inspections are performed as not to adversely affect the school's rating. The inspection process that was developed is designed to remove any question as to the concern noted. This makes it easier for everyone to agree.

In order to maintain a fair comparison for determining award recipients, the schools are classified by the size of the custodial staff as small elementary schools (three staff or less), large elementary schools, middle schools (including the Forrest Center) and high schools. Any school that ties in their level of achievement, will be recognized and receive an award with the exception of the top ten award. Considering the cleanliness inspections take place over many months, the large quantity of awards that are possible to achieve, and the fact that you do not have to be the top school to receive an award, there is ample opportunity for every school to be recognized. By grouping the schools into the classifications mentioned above, it is intended a fair and balanced comparison of the schools is achieved with the recognition process, and that this will be the view by the recipients, and non-recipients alike. Awards will be presented for achievements in the following categories:

### **Highest Month Cleanliness Rating**

This award will be presented to the school(s) in each classification for achieving the highest cleanliness rating for any month over the course of the inspection year.

### **Most Improved Cleanliness Rating**

This award will be presented to the school(s) in each classification for achieving the greatest span of points comparing the beginning inspection month and the ending inspection month.

### **Most Consistent Cleanliness Rating**

This award will be presented to the school(s) in each classification for achieving consistent improvement in monthly ratings without dropping below the previous month's rating (this award is intended to encourage consistent upward improvement).

### **Highest Average Cleanliness Rating**

This award would be considered the top award in the program. The award will be presented to the top ten schools from any combination of classifications that have achieved the highest average rating for the inspection year.

### ***Top Ten Tie Breakers***

If there is a tie with any of the schools when determining the school that will be recognized as a Top Ten school, the tiebreaker steps noted below will apply in the following sequence:

- Highest average rating in this category calculated to the decimal.
- The highest total number of awards to be issued for the current year.
- The highest average of the total number of ratings (all categories) for the awards to be issued in the current year.
- The highest number of previous top ten finishes.
- The highest average rating for the total number of the previous top ten finishes.
- The school with the highest number of monthly manager's meeting attended for the current year.