EXHIBIT NO. 1

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PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria is dedicated to the successful education of its children and youth; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria City Public Schools acknowledge the important roles of parents, grandparents, guardians, and others in the educational development of children and youth and recognize that family engagement in education is critical to student achievement; and*

***WHEREAS**, families have a major influence on their children's educational development by expressing high expectations for performance, creating home environments conducive to learning, and supporting the work of teachers and principals in schools; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Public School system places a dedicated emphasis on the importance of family engagement in education with a specific focus on families who have previously been under-represented because of social, economic, racial, or language barriers; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Public School system is committed to "Reaching All Families... Whatever it Takes;" and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria and Alexandria City Public Schools recognize the importance of sustaining partnerships between families and schools; and*

***WHEREAS**, all Alexandrians are invited to participate in the sixth annual Family Involvement Rally on Saturday, November 5, 2005, starting at 8:30 a.m. at George Washington Middle School;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2005, as:*

"FAMILY INVOLVEMENT MONTH"

in the Alexandria City Public Schools, and encourage families, schools, and the community to work together to Reach All Families... Whatever it Takes!

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 25th day of October 2005.*

WILLIAM D. EUILLE** **MAYOR
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk