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TO: Members of the Worcester County Board of Education
Dr. Jon M. Andes, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Caroline H. Bloxom, Principal

SUBJECT: Pocomoke Middle School Goes National!

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Where can you find Pocomoke Middle School's principal talking about a schoolwide vocabulary program being implemented across content area classrooms; the school's curriculum planner describing the benchmarking and data-sharing process; and two Integrated Language Arts teachers explaining how vocabulary instruction is integrated into a Greek mythology unit and how specific strategies can be used to help students question and react to text, jot notes about what they are thinking, and identify text evidence to support their conclusions?

The U.S. Department of Education's *Doing What Works* (DWW) website offers educators examples of schools from across the country that are successfully implementing research-based practices to increase student achievement. This website gives educators tools and multimedia presentations of these practices and describes key actions to implement them, including:

- Stories, interviews, and media pieces that bring the practices to life.
- Examples, materials, and links to resources keyed to the practices.
- Tools educators can download and customize for use in their own settings.

And yes, you guessed it, you will find Pocomoke Middle School highlighted there....

