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HCLS launches new report on racial equity data

(Ellicott City, MD) – On Monday, October 10, at 2 pm, Howard County Library System (HCLS) presents a new report at its East Columbia Branch aimed at discussing and examining the racial equity landscape in Howard County and across the state of Maryland, the most racially diverse state on the east coast according to the 2020 US Census.

The report, prepared using data sources such as the US Census Bureau-American Community Survey, Maryland Vital Statistics and Howard County Public School System's Strategic Call to Action, is provided in support of HCLS' Brave Voices, Brave Choices initiative and aims to illuminate how structural racism reinforces inequities across communities of color, even in a place as healthy and wealthy as Howard County. It examines racial and ethnic disparities across multiple systems of education, health, economics, housing, and law enforcement.

This research will be used to increase awareness and combat the existence of racial disparities in various communities. It will prove useful for library systems, school systems, boards and commissions, local officials, legislators and residents across the state.

The report launch features the following speakers:

- Tonya Aikens, President & CEO of HCLS
- Antonia Watts, HCLS Board of Trustees Chair
- Sabriya Sturdavant, Dr. PH, Morgan State University and author of the report
- Patrick Curtis, HCLS Racial Equity Alliance member
- Ani Begay Auld, HCLS Racial Equity Alliance member
- Cris Oviedo, La Alianza Latina

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