

**G.4b PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING APRIL 2009
AS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH**

WHEREAS, school occupational therapists throughout the Fayette County Public Schools are key members of the educational team preparing our children for the future; and

WHEREAS, school occupational therapists are skilled professionals whose education includes the study of human growth and development with specific emphasis on the social, emotional and physical effects of illness, injury and impairment; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapists help students facing physical, cognitive or mental health challenges that affect their school performance, socialization and health by using direct and indirect services, as well as assistive technology and environmental modifications; and

WHEREAS, school-based occupational therapy assessment and intervention focuses on the activities of daily living, achieving in the learning environment, interacting with age-appropriate classroom materials, equipment and activities; developing appropriate relationships and engaging in behavior that doesn't interfere with learning or social relationships; and encouraging the development of interests and skills necessary for transition to life after graduation; and

WHEREAS, school occupational therapists look at the whole picture when it comes to planning and delivering student intervention, collaborating with parents, teacher and other educational staff to help students achieve academic success; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the members of the Fayette County Board of Education hereby join the rest of the country in celebrating April 2009 as Occupational Therapy Month.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the members of the school board express their deep appreciation to our school occupational therapists for all they do to support our students and schools as integral members of the "It's About Kids" team.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this proclamation be spread on the official minutes of the Board of Education.