



Lillian M. Lowery, Ed.D.  
State Superintendent of Schools

200 West Baltimore Street • Baltimore, MD 21201 • 410-767-0100 • 410-333-6442 TTY/TDD

**TO:** Interested Citizens  
**FROM:** Lillian M. Lowery, Ed.D. *Lowery*  
**DATE:** November 8, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** FYI from October 30, 2013 State Board of Education Meeting

At the October 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education, the following actions were taken:

- Approved Maryland's *Early Childhood Family Engagement Framework*. The framework is designed to support intentional thinking and action regarding the implementation of family engagement policies and practices at the state level and among early child care and education providers who serve young children, including children from impoverished families, children with disabilities and special needs, and dual language learners.
- Approved amendments to COMAR 09.37.01 Alternate Ways to Earn a High School Diploma proposed for publication by the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR). This regulatory action is required to address changes to Maryland's GED® test delivery system necessitated by the national GED Testing Service®, including the transition to an entirely computer-based testing program which will become effective on January 1, 2014. The State Board granted its approval for DLLR to move forward with its plan to submit to the Board of Public Works a new contract with the GED Testing Service® that includes details of the computer delivery system that is required to support the new testing program.
- Voted to withdraw and repropose amendments to COMAR 13A.08.01 General Regulations (school discipline regulations). This action was taken to include certain language approved at the July, 2013 meeting of the State Board that was inadvertently left out of the amendments published on October 4, 2013.

Copies of the meeting materials can be found at [www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/stateboard](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/stateboard).

The next regular meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013. This meeting will be held at the Nancy S. Grasmick State Education Building, 200 West Baltimore Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Appropriate accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Eight business days notice prior to the event is required. Please contact Charlene Necessary at (410) 767-0467 or TTY at (410) 333-6442 so arrangements can be made.