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TO: Interested Citizens
FROM: Lillian M. Lowery, Ed.D. *L. Lowery*
DATE: December 20, 2013
SUBJECT: FYI from December 16, 2013 State Board of Education Meeting

At the December 16th meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education, the following actions were taken:

- Approved 71 additional candidates to participate in the 2013-2014 Fee Incentive Program established for public school teachers seeking certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The candidates are from Anne Arundel, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.
- Granted Permission to Publish a permanent regulation that will allow full FTE State Aid Payment to Local Education Agencies for students dually enrolled in an Institution of Higher Education when the dually enrolled student is attending the public school early college program full time and will take all courses in that program. The State Board had previously approved an emergency regulation that became effective on November 7, 2013, to allow full FTE State Aid payment for the dually enrolled students.
- Approved an emergency regulation in mathematics that enables incoming ninth graders to select courses that meet new mathematics requirements established by the Maryland General Assembly in the 2013 Session. This legislation requires four years of mathematics in high school as well as the need for students to enroll in the transition mathematics course if they are determined not to be college- and career-ready as the result of administration of the college and career assessment while in high school.
- Clarified the intent of language included in the proposed school discipline regulations pertaining to the "return to the student's regular academic program". Speaking on behalf of the State Board, Board President Dukes stated that "it would violate the rule of reason for these regulations to be interpreted to require any school system to return a student to a particular school or classroom if the superintendent or principal believes that the decision raises serious safety concerns or has serious impacts on school security."

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Copies of the meeting materials can be found at www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/stateboard.

The next regular meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014. This meeting will be held at the Nancy S. Grasmick State Education Building, 200 West Baltimore Street, 7th 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.