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TO: Interested Citizens
FROM: Lillian M. Lowery, Ed.D. *Lillian M. Lowery*
DATE: September 26, 2014
SUBJECT: FYI from September 23, 2014 State Board of Education Meeting

At the September 23rd meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education, the following actions were taken:

- Recognized five school administrators on their selections as principal or vice principal of the year by their respective professional associations, the Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals (MAESP) and the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP). The five individuals recognized were Susan Myers, MAESP's National Distinguished Principal; Ronald Wooden, Jr., MAESP's Assistant Principal of the Year; Susan Evans, MASSP's Middle School Principal of the Year; Larissa Santos, MASSP's High School Principal of the Year; and Dyan Harrison, MASSP's 2015 Assistant Principal of the Year. Ms. Myers is Principal of Walter S. Mills-Parole Elementary School in Anne Arundel County; Mr. Wooden is Principal and former Assistant Principal of Havre De Grace Elementary School in Harford County; Ms. Evans is Principal of Ridgely Middle School in Baltimore County; Ms. Santos is Principal of Edgewood High School in Harford County; and Ms. Harrison is Assistant Principal of Gaithersburg High School in Montgomery County.
- Voted to request a joint public meeting with the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) to discuss amendments proposed by PSTEB to the regulations at COMAR 13.12.01, General Provisions (Certification and Licensure of Professional Education Personnel).
- Granted Permission to Publish proposed amendments to COMAR 13A.03.05 Administration of Home and Hospital Teaching for Students. The proposed amendments: (1) add nurse practitioners as health professionals who may verify the need for home and hospital instruction services; (2) require an annual reverification for students who receive concurrent delivery of instructional services instead of reverification every 60 calendar days; and (3) add emotional conditions, such as depression and bipolar disorder, to the provision for concurrent delivery of instructional services.
- Granted Permission to Publish proposed amendments to COMAR 13A.04.08 Program in Social Studies. The proposed amendments to the Social Studies regulation align the regulation to the College, Career, and Civic Life Framework for teaching history/social studies. Included in the amendments is a change from "Political Science" to "Civics" and the addition of disciplinary and inquiry literacy as the focus of social studies processes and skills.

- Adopted replacement regulations at COMAR 13A.07.09, Evaluation of Teachers and Principals. The adopted regulations reflect the rigorous and complex work done on educator evaluation in Maryland to date and specify that student growth data based on or derived from State Assessments may not be used to make personnel decisions until school year 2016-2017.
- Ratified the President Dukes' designation of Dr. Mary Kay Finan and Mr. Guffrie Smith as the Maryland State Board's delegate and alternate delegate, respectively, to the Delegate Assembly of the National Association of State Boards of Education to be held in Denver, Colorado in mid October.

Meeting materials, Opinions and Orders can be found at www.marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard.

The next regular meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, October 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.