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BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE

Blueprint for Maryland's Future Accountability & Implementation Board (AIB) Announces All Districts' Initial Blueprint Plans Approved

Annapolis, MD, July 27 - The Blueprint for Maryland's Future Accountability & Implementation Board (AIB) is pleased to announce the approval of the initial Blueprint implementation plans from all 24 school districts. This decision was made at the AIB's July 27 board meeting.

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future (The Blueprint) is Maryland's commitment to transform and improve the state's public school system so that each and every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed. The Blueprint brings a holistic approach to ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to become college and career ready by 10th grade and no later than 12th grade. The AIB was created as part of the Blueprint law to safeguard the Blueprint and provide oversight, support, and guidance to State and local governments to help them implement their plans to reach every student and achieve the goals of their plans.

Local education agencies submitted their initial Blueprint implementation plans in March 2023 to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and AIB. Following MSDE's recommended approval, the AIB conducted a thorough review of each plan to identify whether each plan meets the Blueprint's requirements and criteria for success. The AIB also identified areas of strength and opportunities for improvement in each plan.

"This is a major step in the process that challenges Maryland's education leaders to rethink and reimagine the way they work with students and families to ensure their education prepares students to succeed in an ever-changing world," said Isiah "Ike" Leggett, AIB's Board Chair. "The AIB will be investing in technical assistance partners for each school system to support them as they turn the Blueprint's vision into actionable plans."

"Through this transformation, districts across Maryland have the once-in-a-generation opportunity to co-create an education system where all learners can fulfill their potential and society as a whole benefits as well. By providing quality education to every child, we can break

the cycle of poverty and promote social mobility,” said Dr. Jeffrey Lawson, Cecil County Superintendent and President of the Public School Superintendents’ Association of Maryland.

The Blueprint is a multi-year education transformational commitment that combines innovative policies based on evidence-based practices and funding to support and empower schools and districts to create the education system that meet the needs of students and their communities.

With five pillars of a world-class education system that support the creation of high-performing schools that serve all of Maryland’s learners, the Blueprint seeks to address historical inequities by providing students, families, communities, schools, and staff with access to resources that effectively close gaps and achieve success.

The Blueprint Five Pillars:

1. Early Childhood Education
2. High-Quality and Diverse Teachers and Leaders
3. College and Career Readiness
4. More Resources for Students to be Successful
5. Governance and Accountability

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About The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Accountability & Implementation Board (AIB)

The AIB is an independent unit of the Maryland State government created by the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future law to ensure successful implementation of the Blueprint over the multi-year implementation period and achievement of the Blueprint’s intended outcomes. The AIB must strive to provide equal access to a high-quality education with equitable outcomes for each Maryland student regardless of the student’s race, ethnicity, gender, address, disability status, socioeconomic status, or the language spoken in the student’s home. It is governed by a seven-member Board supported by an executive director and staff.