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**ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD ANNOUNCES
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Today, the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB) announced it has selected Rachel Hise to be Executive Director of the Board. In its first official act in November 2021, the AIB conducted a national search for the Executive Director position to lead the Board's efforts to oversee the implementation of the *Blueprint for Maryland's Future* and ensure accountability that the Blueprint is achieving the intended results.

"The Accountability and Implementation Board is quite fortunate to have as its Executive Director, Rachel Hise," said Isiah Leggett, Chair of the AIB. "Rachel is a highly talented and insightful leader with invaluable knowledge of virtually every aspect of public education across the State of Maryland. In addition to her many years of providing exceptional staff support to the Maryland General Assembly, Rachel played a key leadership role assisting Maryland's Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, which developed the recommendations that are the basis for the *Blueprint for Maryland's Future*. My fellow Board members and I could not be more pleased to have Rachel in this key leadership role for the success of the work of the Board."

Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, said "Now, more than ever, Maryland's school children need the implementation of the Blueprint to go according to plan and deliver on the promise of a world class education. I've worked closely with Rachel for decades on education policy, funding, and reform. I am confident she is the right leader for the Accountability and Implementation Board and will ensure the success of the *Blueprint for Maryland's Future*."

"Rachel has been an integral part of every legislative effort to ensure Maryland students can maximize their potentials," said Senate President Bill Ferguson. "Her leadership on the AIB will continue shaping our State for generations and I'm immensely grateful for her counsel to the Maryland General Assembly through the years."

Ms. Hise has spent nearly three decades working in public policy and finance as a policy analyst in the Maryland Department of Legislative Services, the nonpartisan professional staff agency for the Maryland General Assembly. Primarily focused on education policy and the

financing of education in Maryland, she is an expert in the State's education laws and oversaw the State's approximately \$9 billion K-12 education budget for the Maryland General Assembly. In addition to serving as Chief of Staff to two chairs of the House of Delegates Appropriations Committee, Ms. Hise has led the department's education policy workgroup for two decades and served as both the recruitment and training coordinator for the Office of Policy Analysis. She is currently Lead Principal Analyst with the department.

Over more than 20 years, Ms. Hise has served as the principal staffer to nearly every significant education reform study group in Maryland, including the Commission on Education Finance, Equity, and Excellence; the Task Force to Study College Readiness for Disadvantaged and Capable Students; and the 21st Century Public School Facilities Commission. Most significantly, she was the lead staffer to the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Maryland, commonly known as the Kirwan Commission, which was the foundation for the creation of the *Blueprint for Maryland's Future* and the AIB.

"I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to helping to implement the Blueprint and transform Maryland's public schools to provide a world-class education to every child in the State," said Ms. Hise.

Ms. Hise holds a Bachelor's of Art in History from Bryn Mawr College and a Master's of Science in Public Management and Policy from Carnegie Mellon University, Heinz School of Public Policy and Management.

The AIB was established to oversee implementation of the *Blueprint for Maryland's Future*, a comprehensive educational reform plan for Maryland public schools. The AIB consists of seven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland. AIB meetings are livestreamed on the Maryland General Assembly website.

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