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Statement from Blueprint AIB Chair Ike Leggett on the Appointment of the Interim State Superintendent

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future Accountability & Implementation Board (AIB) welcomes Carey Wright back to Maryland as the Interim State Superintendent of Schools. She has a long record of service in public education in both Maryland and Mississippi, where she has been a national leader in efforts to expand access to early childhood programs and improve elementary student literacy rates.

Dr. Wright's expertise and leadership will make her an invaluable partner and collaborator in realizing the potential of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future to transform and improve our public schools so that each and every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

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The Blueprint for Maryland's Future 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 meets the needs of students and their communities.

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 across five policy 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, and (5) Governance and Accountability.

The <u>Accountability & Implementation Board</u> 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.