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Accountability and Implementation Board Seeking Applications for Advisory Committees to Support Implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future

The Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB) is seeking applications from the public for a position on one of four advisory committees to provide input on implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, a once-in-a-generation opportunity to provide a world class education to Maryland students regardless of their zip code, race, gender, or learning ability.

"The AIB believes it is crucial to our mission to include many diverse voices from across the State to assist in this endeavor," said Board Chair Isiah Leggett. "Participation and transparency are critical to the success of the Blueprint and the AIB."

The AIB is deeply committed to engaging stakeholders who represent the rich geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, economic, and gender diversity of Maryland's residents in implementing the Blueprint. The advisory committees will channel insights from community members regarding successes and challenges associated with implementing the Blueprint, in addition to suggestions for improving its implementation. The Board encourages individuals who have a strong interest or expertise in P-12 education to apply. In particular, the AIB seeks to elevate the voices of students, parents, school staff, and community members through these committees.

Each advisory committee will be composed of up to five members to support one of the four content pillars of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future:

- 1. early childhood education;
- 2. high-quality and diverse teachers and leaders;
- 3. college and career readiness; and
- 4. more resources to ensure that all students are successful.

Each advisory committee will meet at least quarterly and, collectively, their members will represent every region of the State. Members will serve two-year terms and will have the opportunity to reapply.

Nominations for AIB advisory committee members can be made by sending the first and last name and email address of a potential applicant to AIB@maryland.gov by **Monday**, **June 6**, **2022.** Applicants do not need to be nominated to apply to be on an advisory committee.

Applications to serve on an advisory committee must be completed and submitted **no later than midnight on Monday, June 20, 2022**. The application can be accessed through this link:

<u>https://bit.ly/AdviseApp</u> Anyone having trouble accessing the Google form can send an email to AIB@maryland.gov to receive assistance.

AIB Member Joseph Manko will host a virtual information session about the advisory committees on **Thursday**, **June 2**, **2022**, **at 12pm**. Potential applicants and members of the public interested in the advisory committees are encouraged to attend and can register for the event here: https://bit.ly/AdviseInfo.

About the AIB and the Blueprint

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future –Implementation Act (HB 1300) was initially passed in 2020 and includes policy and funding recommendations from the Kirwan Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. In 2021 and again in 2022, the Maryland General Assembly passed HB 1372 and HB1450, respectively, to complement and update HB 1300. Together, these three pieces of legislation mark an unprecedented investment in Maryland's public schools. The Blueprint seeks to transform Maryland's early childhood, primary, and secondary education systems to the levels of high-performing systems around the world.

The Blueprint legislation established the Accountability and Implementation Board as an independent unit to oversee and monitor the progress of State and local agencies in implementing the Blueprint. Seven Board members are appointed by the Governor, subject to Senate confirmation, for six-year terms.

The AIB must develop a Comprehensive Implementation Plan to guide State and local entities in implementing the Blueprint and to hold those entities accountable for successful implementation. The AIB will hold a series of Blueprint Implementation Planning sessions throughout the summer to develop a draft Comprehensive Implementation Plan. Following a public hearing on the draft plan, the AIB will publish a final Comprehensive Implementation Plan by December 1, 2022. More information on the summer sessions will be announced soon.

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