TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

DATE: May 22, 2018

SUBJECT: Recognition of Maryland’s 2018-2019 Teachers of the Year

PURPOSE:

To recognize Maryland’s newly named 2018-2019 local Teachers of the Year who will represent their school systems in the state’s Teacher of the Year program and competition for Maryland and National Teacher of the Year.

BACKGROUND OF THE PROGRAM, SPONSORS, AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Maryland has fully participated in the National Teacher of the Year Program for twenty-eight years. The National Program is sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers. The Maryland program is sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education with its presenting partners: Comcast, the Maryland Automobile Dealers Association, McDonald’s Family Restaurants of MD, and Northrop Grumman along with platinum sponsors: NTA Life and Whiting Turner Contracting.

We are proud that in the past eleven years, Maryland has had three National Teachers of the Year and an additional two who were one of four national finalists.

The objective of both national and state programs is to draw public attention to the teaching profession and the contributions of our outstanding teachers. The Maryland Teacher of the Year represents thousands of teachers in the public schools of our State; when selected for the State Award, he or she also enters the National Teacher of the Year competition. National Teachers are accorded celebrity status and spend one year out of the classroom, traveling across the country and the world bringing an education message to hundreds of thousands of people.

Maryland’s Teacher of the Year, while not fully removed from the classroom, generally has a partner teacher assigned by the local school system. He or she is asked to keynote at numerous professional development programs, award ceremonies, state conferences, college graduations, and other events and is also invited to participate on state policy committees and panels. Maryland’s Teacher also participates in the National Teacher of the Year Program which includes 4-5 national meetings or conferences across the country as well as National Space Camp in Huntsville Alabama. Maryland’s Teacher joins fellow State Teachers of the Year in a Presidential Recognition at the White House.
All 24 local Teachers of the Year are honored at a prestigious Gala and participate each month in leadership and honors programs throughout Maryland.

**State Board Ceremony**
Approximately 110 guests of the teachers are expected to attend the Board Ceremony, including the Teachers and 1 guest each, local superintendents, local board presidents, principals, and district Teacher of the Year Coordinators.

**ACTION:**
Each District Teacher of the Year will be introduced. The State Superintendent and State Board President will present each Teacher with a State Board of Education Citation. An inscribed portfolio will also be presented and commemorative photos will be taken.

**An Honors Luncheon at the Holiday Inn immediately follows the State Board Honors Ceremony.**
2018 - 2019
Maryland Teacher of the Year
State Board Recognition
Allegany County

Superintendent
Dr. David Cox

Tiffany Moran

Westernport Elementary School

Principal – Alexa Fazenbaker

Grades 3
Anne Arundel County

Superintendent
Dr. George Arlotto

Heather Carnaghan
Monarch Global Academy

Principal – Donna O’Shea

Social Studies
Grade 8
Baltimore City

Chief Executive Officer
Dr. Sonja B. Santelises

LaQuisha Hall

Carver Vocational-Technical High School

Principal – Shionta Somerville

English Language Arts
Grades 9 – 12
Calvert County

Superintendent
Dr. Daniel D. Curry

Dr. Melaney Sanchez

Mt. Harmony
Elementary School

Principal – Charles M. Treft

ESOL
Grades K – 5
Caroline County

Interim Superintendent
Dr. Patricia W. Saelens

Andrea Burns

Preston Elementary School

Principal – Keri Clow

Grade 1
Carroll County

Superintendent
Stephen H. Guthrie

Tina Thomen
Manchester Valley High School
Principal – Todd L. Hicks

English
Grades 9 – 12
Cecil County

Language Arts
Grade 9

Staci Lamb
Elkton High School
Principal – John Roush

Superintendent
Dr. D’Ette W. Devine
Charles County

Superintendent
Dr. Kimberly Hill

Lynn Hopkins

English/Language Arts
Grade 6

Milton M. Somers
Middle School

Principal – Carrie Akins
Dorchester County

Spanish
Grades 9 – 12

Benedita Gomes
North Dorchester High School

Superintendent
Dr. Diana L. Mitchell

Principal – Jacklynn Sorrells
Frederick County

Superintendent
Dr. Theresa R. Alban

Timothy Snyder

Urbana Middle School

Assistant Principal – Kyle Barnette

Art Grades 6 – 8
Garrett County

Interim Superintendent
Barbara L. Baker

JENNIFER VIRTS

Northern Garrett
High School

Principal – Gary Reichenbecher

Theater/English
Grades 9 – 12
Howard County

Interim Superintendent
Dr. Michael J. Martirano

Elizabeth Waltman

Lime Kiln Middle School
Principal – Lucy Lubin

Mathematics
Grades 11 – 12
Kent County

Superintendent
Dr. Karen M. Couch

Science
Grade 6

AMELIA MARKOSIAN

Kent County Middle School

Principal – Dr. Mary Helen Spiri
Montgomery County

Kindergarten

Superintendent
Dr. Jack R. Smith

Kristen Kane

Forest Knolls
Elementary School

Principal – Evan H. Bernstein
Prince George’s County

Chief Executive Officer
Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell

Daleisha Myers

Tulip Grove Elementary School
Principal – Jaime Whitfield-Coffen

RELA/Math
Grade 5
Queen Anne’s County

Superintendent
Dr. Andrea Kane

Rhonda Moore

Matapeake Elementary School

Principal – Jennifer Schrecongost

Grade 1
St. Mary’s County

Superintendent
Dr. James Scott Smith

Sarah Lorek

Chopticon High School
Principal – Kim Summers

Music
Grades 9 – 12
Somerset County

Superintendent
Dr. John B. Gaddis

Dr. Richard Warren, Jr.

Crisfield High School and Academy
Principal – Tony Bevilacqua

Science & S.T.E.M
Grade 8
Talbot County

Superintendent
Dr. Kelly L. Griffith

Reneé Warfield

Easton High School
Principal – Kirk Howie

ESOL/Spanish
Grades 9 – 12
Washington County

Grade 5

Interim Superintendent
Dr. Boyd J. Michael

Jeanine Horst

Cascade Elementary School
Principal – Denise Kuhna
Wicomico County

Superintendent
Dr. Donna C. Hanlin

Mathematics/TAM
Grades 9 – 12

Lisa McKinnon

Parkside High School
Principal – Kimberly Pinhey
Worcester County

Karen Holland
Cedar Chapel
Special School
Principal – Belinda Gulyas

Special Education
Grades 3 – 6

Superintendent
Louis Taylor

Karen Holland
Cedar Chapel
Special School
Principal – Belinda Gulyas