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**Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST)
Advisory Board Meeting – April 30, 2019
Summary of Decisions**

- 1) The BOOST Advisory Board approved the decision summary for the February 5, 2019 meeting.
- 2) Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff summarized the fiscal year 2020 Budget Bill language. The Board discussed the changes in new budget language and acknowledged MSDE will need new (amended) assurances sent to schools to conform to budget language.
- 3) Board directed MSDE to use the 2018-19 program data and the FY 2020 budget bill language to provide estimates of the impact on the 2019-20 program.
- 4) MSDE staff provided historical data the Board requested at February 5, 2019 board meeting. The Board discussed the historical data noting the trends in high school enrollment and decided to table a discussion of scholarship amounts for high school students.
- 5) MSDE staff provided to the Board a summary of the 2019-2020 applications and the status of the application review process. Staff noted a system malfunction issue that occurred at the end of the application period. The Board discussed options for re-opening certain applications that are in “draft” status (applications started but not completed), and requested that staff facilitate this process. Additionally, the Board indicated that applications with incomplete documentation should be offered the opportunity to correct the issues.
- 6) The Board scheduled their next two meetings for May 23, 2019 at 10:00 am and June 11, 2019 at 10:30 am.