



**Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST)
Advisory Board Meeting – July 19, 2021
Summary of Decisions APPROVED**

- 1) The BOOST Advisory Board (Board) approved the decision summary for the July 21, 2020, meeting.
- 2) The Board reviewed three (3) Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff 2021-2022 award allocation options based on actual eligible applicant data. Although there was a consensus for option #3 which allowed for a \$1,000 High School adjustment increase and smaller increases to the base awards; the Board deferred a final decision to the planned July 26, meeting and requested MSDE staff to provide the following additional information:
 - a. BOOST participating school tuition data - primary schools (K-8) vs high schools
 - b. Impact of a cumulative three percent (3%) inflation escalator on BOOST base awards for available program years
 - c. Cost data - public vs private 2021-2022 eligible applicants
 - d. Cost data - new eligible applicants vs. renewal applicants
 - e. Cost data - new eligible applicants vs. renewal applicants
 - f. Breakdown of eligible applicants by grade
 - g. Breakdown of eligible special education applicants by grade
- 3) The Board decided that all eligible renewals applicants will be offered a BOOST Scholarship award for the 2021-2022 school year and requested staff to send an interim notice via email to parents of renewal students indicating that the Board is currently determining the scholarship award levels and will shortly inform them of the actual awards.
- 4) The Board's next scheduled meeting will be on July 26, 2021 with the exact time to be determined
- 5) Public Comment
- 6) Meeting adjourned
- 7) Closed Session