

**Maryland High School Graduation Task Force
Meeting #6**



**Thursday, March 29, 2018
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Maryland State Department of Education
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201**

Purpose: The State Superintendent requested a High School Graduation Task Force in response to the State Board's interest in student performance and the meaning of a Maryland diploma. The Task Force will review current credit requirements, assessment requirements, and diploma options for secondary school students to provide recommendations for the State Board of Education by July of 2018.

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Agenda:

- Welcome, Approve Minutes, and Opening Remarks (9:00AM - 9:05 AM)
- Committee Work (9:05 AM - 10:25 AM)
- Break (10:25 AM - 10:35 AM)
- Prepare for Whole-Group Discussion (10:35 AM – 11:00 AM)
- Whole-Group Discussion: Committees Share Recommendations to Date, Remaining Themes to Explore, Areas of Overlap (11:00 AM – 11:55 AM)
- Wrap-Up and What to Expect Next Meeting (11:55 AM - 12:00 PM)

Attendance:

Task Force Members:

Linda Aarons, (for Jennifer Davis) Maryland State Education Association
George Arlotto, Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland
Nona Carroll, (for Rudy Ruiz), Maryland Business Roundtable
Marc Cohen, Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals
Faith Connolly, Maryland Independent College and University Association
Emily Dow, Maryland Higher Education Commission
Mary Gable, Maryland State Department of Education
Brendan Gallagher, Maryland Teacher of the Year Program
Anna Gavin, Maryland Chamber of Commerce
Terry Gilleland, Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
Ken Goncz, Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals
Justin Hartings, Maryland State Board of Education
Brandon Hill, Maryland Association of Student Councils
Angie Holocker, Maryland State Department of Education
Michele Jenkins Guyton, Maryland State Board of Education

Elizabeth Kameen, Office of the Attorney General
Jennifer Love, Maryland English Language Learning Family Involvement Network
Kelly Meissner, Special Education State Advisory
Kami Wagner, (for Kelly Ruby), Maryland School Counselor Association

Support Staff in Attendance:

Carol Williamson, MSDE
Dara Shaw, MSDE
Brianna Creed, MSDE
Danielle Susskind, MSDE
Nicassia Belton, MSDE
Ava Spencer for (Lynne Muller), MSDE
Laia Tiderman, MSDE
Jonathan Turner, MSDE

Welcome, Approve Minutes, and Opening Remarks

Dr. Williamson welcomed the task force and officially opened the meeting at 9:05 AM. Dr. Williamson cast a vote on the previous meeting minutes. The task force voted and approved the meeting minutes from Friday, March 16, 2018. Dr. Williamson summarized the previous meeting outcomes, reviewed the current agenda, and then asked Dr. Dara Shaw to provide an overview for the whole-group discussion scheduled for later in the agenda. Dr. Williamson dismissed the task force to work in their respective committees.

Committee Work

The committees worked separately in their respective groups for an hour and twenty minutes. The committees focused on their continued work with answering their guiding questions, discussing potential recommendations, and selecting topics and questions to share with the other committees during whole-group discussions.

Prepare for Whole-Group Discussion

The committees continued working in their separate groups to prepare for the whole-group discussion. Committees reviewed and prepared the following questions:

1. What are your recommendations so far?
2. What remaining themes will you explore?
3. Areas of overlap:
 - a) Do you have questions for other committees?
 - b) Will one of your recommendations have an impact on another committee?
 - c) Do you need to explore a theme with another committee?
4. What issue are you wrestling with in your committee that could benefit from input from the larger group?

Whole-Group Discussion: Committees Share Recommendations to Date, Remaining Themes to Explore, Areas of Overlap

Each committee facilitator reported out to the entire task force about the current progress of their committee work. They covered the following questions:

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 - b) Will one of your recommendations have an impact on another committee?
 - c) Do you need to explore a theme with another committee?
4. What issue are you wrestling with in your committee that could benefit from input from the larger group?

After reporting on the current progress of their respective committees, facilitators received feedback and suggestions from the entire task force to help guide and assist with future committee work.

Wrap-Up and What to Expect for Next Meeting

Dr. Shaw thanked the task force for their hard work and reminded everyone when the next meeting will take place. The task force was officially dismissed.

Adjournment

Dr. Williams officially closed the meeting at 11:58 AM.

Next Meeting: Friday, April 13, 2018 at the Anne Arundel Board of Education, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

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For copies of agendas, minutes, and resources, please refer to the website for the Maryland High School Graduation Task Force at

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/MHSGTF/index.aspx> .