

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 22-01  
COMMITTING TO TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION TO CREATE A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION  
SYSTEM IN MARYLAND**

**WHEREAS**, the State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education are committed to move with urgency to actualize the bold, transformative change that will be necessary to achieve the excellent and equitable outcomes our students deserve;

**WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2021, the State Board of Education passed Resolution 21-01, declaring a priority of safe return to school in Maryland, and today, the State has successfully transitioned back to in person instruction;

**WHEREAS**, educational experiences in Maryland before the COVID-19 Pandemic did not prepare all students for post-secondary success nor did they meet the workforce needs of Maryland's business community. In 2019, 57 percent of 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and 59 percent of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students were not proficient in English language arts. Seventy-three percent were not proficient in Algebra I;

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, 75 percent of Black boys were not proficient in math in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and 76 percent of students eligible for Free and Reduced Priced Meals were not proficient in English language arts in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade;

**WHEREAS**, these gaps in P-12, post-secondary, and career opportunities and outcomes for historically underserved groups persist across the state;

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Pandemic has exacerbated these challenges. Roughly half of Maryland students who were proficient in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in 2019 were no longer considered proficient in 5<sup>th</sup> grade in 2021 (this is true for both math and English language arts);

**WHEREAS**, the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, enacted by the Maryland Legislature, effective June 1, 2019, is intended to transform Maryland's early childhood, primary, and secondary education system into a world class education system to enable students to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy and productive citizens of the State; enable students to reach their full potential and be ready for success in college and a rewarding career by the end of high school; and elevate overall student performance and eliminate achievement and opportunity gaps;

**WHEREAS**, the Blueprint for Maryland's Future provides substantial new state funding to achieve the promise of the law;

**WHEREAS**, in order to achieve the goals of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, on July 1, 2021, the State Board of Education hired a State Superintendent of Schools with a track record of transforming school systems and directed him to focus on building the Maryland State Department of Education's capacity to execute a new, transformative mission consistent with the Blueprint for Maryland's Future;

**WHEREAS**, the State Superintendent of Schools, the State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education will work collaboratively and transparently with families, educators, local education agencies, local boards of education, collective bargaining units, institutions of higher education, the Accountability and Implementation Board, and employers to transform Maryland's public schools so that all students in Maryland are prepared and ready to be successful in their college and career choices;

**WHEREAS**, the State Board of Education has general control and supervision over public schools and educational interests of the State under Title 2 of the Education Article; and education matters that affect the

counties are under the control of a local board of education to carry out the applicable provisions of the Education Article and the bylaws, rules, regulations, and policies of the State Board of Education under Title 4 of the Education Article; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education will develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan to ensure successful implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

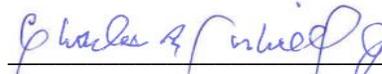
**NOW, THEREFORE, THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN IT BY THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TITLE 2 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:**

The State Superintendent of Schools is authorized to take actions under our jurisdiction, to the extent allowed by law that are necessary to carry out this Resolution for comprehensive transformation of Maryland's education system.

ISSUED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2022.



Clarence C. Crawford  
President



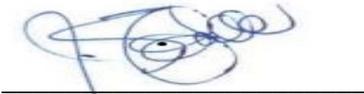
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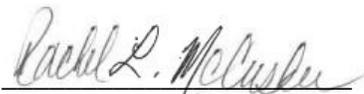
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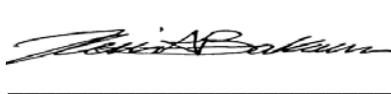
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