MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made and entered into by and between the Maryland State Board of Education ("State Board") and the Accountability and Implementation Board ("AIB"), collectively referred to as "the Parties."

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to set forth the roles and responsibilities of the State Board and the AIB with respect to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future ("Blueprint") as mandated by Maryland law.

II. AUTHORITIES

This MOU is entered into pursuant to the Maryland Education Article, including but not limited to Title 5, Subtitle 4, which establishes the AIB and sets forth its general powers and duties and Title 2, Subtitle 2, which establishes the State Board and sets forth its general powers and duties.

III. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The roles and responsibilities of the Parties with respect to the Blueprint are set forth in Exhibit I to this MOU.

IV. COLLABORATION AND INFORMATION SHARING

- 1. The Parties shall meet at least quarterly to discuss progress, challenges, and strategies related to Blueprint implementation.
- 2. The State Board shall timely provide AIB with all data and reports necessary for monitoring Blueprint implementation and holding State and local agencies accountable for meeting the outcomes of the Blueprint.
- 3. AIB shall share its evaluations and recommendations with the State Board to support policy refinement and implementation improvement.
- 4. The Parties shall maintain open communication channels.
- 5. The Parties may jointly adopt Blueprint policies to ensure alignment.

V. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the event of a disagreement regarding the interpretation of this MOU, the Parties shall engage in good-faith negotiations to resolve the dispute.

VI. AMENDMENTS

This MOU may be amended in writing by mutual agreement of the Parties.

VII. SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the dates set forth below.

FOR THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Joshina Z. Michaef

Joshua Michael, Ph.D President, State Board of Education Date: June 24, 2025

Approved for form and legal sufficiency:

Elliott Schoen, Principal Counsel for the Maryland State Board of Education

FOR THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD

Isiah Leggett Chair, Accountability and Implementation Board Date: June 26, 2025

Approved for form and legal sufficiency:

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Heidi Dudderar, Assistant Attorney General for the Accountability and Implementation Board