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MARYLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION HOSTS VIRTUAL MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Public Comment Welcomed Via Teleconference, Pre-Registration Required

BALTIMORE, MD - (July 24, 2020) – Special Notice: Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Tuesday, July 28, 2020, meeting of the State Board of Education will be conducted entirely via livestream, and there will be no public access to the Nancy S. Grasmick State Education Building, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., State Board members and presenters will participate in the virtual meeting, and members of the public will be able to hear the audio and see presentations in real time via live stream. The livestream, agenda and meeting materials can be accessed at: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Pages/meeting-agendas/2020/2020-07-28.aspx>.

In addition, members of the public will have the opportunity to call in using the Cisco application WebEx and speak live during the usual three-minute time allotments offered. The public comments will be conducted via phone only, and require the participant to dial into the meeting, use a passcode, then wait until called on for comment by the Board President. There is a limit of 10 speakers, first-come, first-served, and pre-registration is required.

More details regarding the new procedure for public comment are available online: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Documents/PublicCommentGuidelinesVirtualMeeting.pdf>.

Scheduled agenda items in the morning include: the introduction of new board members, and public comment at approximately 9:35 a.m. After the Board's private Executive Session, the afternoon agenda includes a discussion of the budget and closeout of the fiscal year 2020, data releases, and an update on Maryland Together: Maryland's Recovery Plan for Education. Also to be discussed: local school system recovery plans, a review of summer school programs, and social studies programming.

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