

Feb. 1, 2013

MABE Calendar

- February 4 - Legislative Committee meeting
- February 7 - Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Fund meeting
- February 15 - OPEB Trust Meeting
- February 20 - Board of Directors meeting, followed by Welcome Reception (see invitation below)
- February 22 - Risk Managers Group meeting
- February 26 - Boardsmanship Academy course: Understanding the Work of the State Board

- March 5 - Legislative Committee meeting, Legislative Luncheon (see invitation below)
- March 8 - Conference Planning Committee meeting
- March 15 - Boardsmanship Academy course: Evaluating the Superintendent
- March 25 - Legislative Committee meeting

(For a complete calendar with details, please visit the [MABE website](http://www.mabe.org).)



Welcome Reception

*The Officers of the
Maryland Association of Boards of Education
invite you to an Afternoon Tea
to welcome our new Executive Director*

Frances Hughes Glendening

*February 20, 2013
2:00 - 3:30*

(Immediately following a meeting of the MABE Board of Directors)

*MABE Offices
621 Ridgely Avenue, Suite 300
Annapolis*

*Please RSVP before Feb. 13 to Shirley Brandman
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Montgomery Board Member Dr. Judy Docca Honored by MSEA

The Maryland State Education Association (MSEA) has selected Dr. Judy Docca, member of the Montgomery County Board of Education, to receive the 2013 Minority Recognition Leadership Award.

The Minority Recognition Awards honors individuals who promote and demonstrate leadership in public education and who have had a significant impact at the national, state and local levels. Awards are given in the following categories: education, leadership, politics, community and student.

Recipients of the Leadership Award have made exceptional contributions to education in the state of Maryland on a sustained basis. They work to foster increased public understanding of public education issues and promote improvement in Maryland's public school system.

"Dr. Docca has been a champion for improving educational opportunities in Montgomery County for many years and the impact of her work is immeasurable," said Board of Education President Christopher Barclay. "This award is a fitting recognition of her efforts that have changed the lives of countless MCPS students and families."

Dr. Docca was honored during the MSEA's 28th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 19.

[complete bulletin](#)

Upcoming MABE Surveys

As the Board of Directors begins the process of writing a new strategic plan, surveying our members is a high priority. During the next few months, members will receive a series of surveys designed to receive your input about MABE services. Please participate! The surveys will be relatively short and should take no more than a few minutes of your time.

Our first survey was on the topic of communication methods (how you wish to receive information from MABE), and we greatly appreciate those members who responded. Our next survey will be sent mid-February.

If you have not received the first survey, please contact Sandi Barry, sbarry@mabe.org.

2013 Legislative Session Underway

Be sure to keep up with all the news during legislative session with MABE's *GreenSheet Legislative Update*, sent to members via email and posted on the MABE [website](#). MABE also updates the [Advocacy](#) section of the website on a regular basis with the latest news and materials. If you are not receiving the *GreenSheet*, please contact Sandi Barry, sbarry@mabe.org.

Reminder: MABE's Legislative Committee meets on a regular basis during session. Complete details including dates and handouts from past meetings are available on the [Legislative Committee](#) page of the website.

MABE's Annual Legislative Day Luncheon provides a forum for legislative leaders to share their perspectives and positions on education funding and policy issues and for local board members to advocate for MABE's legislative priorities. The President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and education and budget committee chairs and vice-chairs present remarks, share lunch, and engage local board members in lively discussions. All members of the House and Senate are invited and many attend looking for their local boards and their input on pending bills.

MABE's Annual Legislative Day Luncheon

Sponsored by Senator Roy Dyson

Tuesday, March 5, 2013
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Miller Senate Building, Annapolis, MD
Pre-Luncheon Meeting for Legislative Committee Members
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Convenient parking at [Navy/Marine Corps Stadium](#)
Details of scheduled speakers to follow

For additional information please contact
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NSBA on School Safety Issues (reprinted from [School Board News Today](#))

NSBA works with White House on school safety

One month after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings that shocked the nation, President Barack Obama has responded to the Newtown, Conn., tragedy by issuing 23 executive actions that he says will strengthen school safety and prevent gun violence. He also called on Congress to pass tougher gun-control measures.

NSBA was represented by Executive Director Thomas J. Gentzel at the White House event where the President announced his actions and the launch of a new campaign, "Now is the Time," that outlines his plans for preventing gun violence.

"We commend President Obama for his efforts to ensure that all schools are safe places," Gentzel says. "We look forward to working with the administration and Congress in a collaborative effort to address this important issue."

NSBA General Counsel discusses school safety policies with *Education Week*

NSBA's General Counsel praised the response of school officials in the Newtown, Conn., school shootings last month and gives advice for other school districts in a commentary appearing in [Education Week](#).

Francisco M. Negrón Jr. noted that the Newtown school district had a sound policy in place, and more lives could have been lost had it not been for the quick thinking of the school principal and other staff, some of whom were killed by the gunman.

http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/transforming_learning/2013/01/school_preparedness_matters.html

2013 NSBA Leadership Conference

The NSBA Leadership Conference is an annual professional development and networking opportunity for NSBA's State Association members. MABE President Rodger Janssen, President Elect Katie Groth, and Executive Director Francie Glendening (bottom row, L-R) attended this event last week in Washington, D.C., and had the opportunity to work with NSBA's new executive Director Thomas Genzel (top row, second from left) and NSBA's chief operating officer Marie Bilik (top row, far right).



Upcoming [Board Development](#) Opportunities

Understanding the Work of the State Board*Tuesday, February 26, 2013 - 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This session is designed to give board members a greater understanding of the State Board, how it operates, and the type of decisions it makes. From 8:30 until noon, you will observe the State Board of Education during its monthly meeting, and then have an opportunity to debrief over lunch with John Woolums, MABE's Director of Governmental Relations.

*Location:

[Maryland State Department of Education](#), Baltimore, MD

Conference Room #3, 8th Floor
200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland

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