

Feb. 15, 2013

MABE Calendar

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

DATE CHANGE: March 8 - 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. 18 to Shirley Brandman
Shirley_Brandman@mcpsmd.org*

2013 Legislative Session Underway

**PLEASE NOTE: The date of the Legislative Luncheon has been changed to Friday, March 8.
Please see invitation below for details.**

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](http://www.mabe.org). 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

**Please note
date change!**

Friday, March 8, 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
Tracy Oldaker, 410.841.5414 or toldaker@mabe.org



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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.

Febuary Issue of [American School Board Journal](#):

Online Student Speech and Tinker By Sonja Trainor

When the U.S. Supreme Court announced its now-famous Tinker decision in 1969, in which it said students and teachers retain their First Amendment right to free speech within "the schoolhouse gate," in some ways the concept was not new.

What was somewhat new was the idea that the First Amendment restricted school officials' authority to

discipline students for speech that they feared may be disruptive. In *Tinker*, the students wore black armbands to school in protest of the Vietnam War. The court decided that the students had a right to engage in this "pure speech" because school officials had no reason to anticipate that the students' wearing of the armbands would "substantially interfere with the work of the school or impinge upon the rights of other students."

The court further explained that, although "the classroom is peculiarly the 'marketplace of ideas,'" even speech outside of the classroom -- "in the cafeteria, or on the playing field, or on the campus during the authorized hours" -- is an important part of the educational process. [Read more](#)

(reprinted from [School Board News Today](#))

NSBA commends focus on education in State of the Union address

Joetta Sack-Min|February 12th, 2013

President Barack Obama called for a high-quality preschool education for all children in his State of the Union address on Feb. 12. He also announced a new program, based on the Race to the Top competitive grants, that would spur a redesign of the nation's high schools, instill more science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subjects, and better prepare students for higher education and the workforce.

In response to the speech, National School Boards Association Executive Director Thomas J. Gentzel released the following statement:

"We welcome President Barack Obama's commitment to a high-quality education for all our students. We look forward to working with his administration on the priorities he brought forth, including early childhood education, rebuilding and modernizing school buildings, STEM education, and helping our students gain access to higher education.

"Like the president, we are deeply concerned about the federal funding cuts scheduled to take place next month. More than 700 school boards have advocating Congress to stop these across-the-board cuts, known as sequestration. The cuts to K-12 public education would total more than \$3 billion this fiscal year. Furthermore, the cuts would continue over a 10-year period and have a devastating effect on our schools, eroding the base of funding for programs that directly impact student learning, including programs that close achievement gaps, raise graduation rates, and retain highly effective teachers. Many school districts would not be able to absorb additional budget cuts and provide an enhanced curriculum for all students.

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

For more information, contact Kitty Blumsack, kblumsack@mabe.org.

To register, contact Kathy Bennett, kbennett@mabe.org

Scenes from MABE

MABE staff and members participate in NSBA's Federal Relations Network Day on the Hill. Members met with

Below L-R: John Woolums (Director of Governmental Relations, MABE), Donna Hathaway Beck (Prince George's County), Bob Heck (Baltimore City), Chris Barclay (Montgomery County), Gary Bauer (Carroll County), and George Moniodis (Baltimore County).



MABE's Board of Directors hosted guests from the Maryland State Education Association at their January meeting. Areas of mutual interest and the upcoming legislative session were discussed.

Below, L-R: David Helfman, MSEA Executive Director, MSEA President Betty Weller, MABE President Rodger Janssen, MABE Executive Director Frances Hughes Glendening.



MABE Boardmanship Academy a Well Attended Success

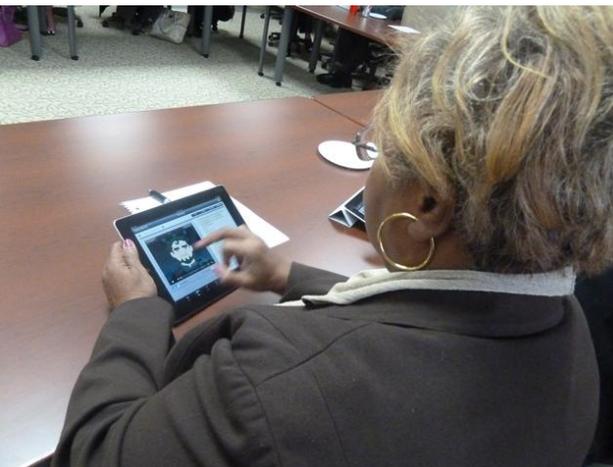
For a generation of paper-centric school leaders, the rapid acceleration from print to digital content raises a lot of questions. Thanks to NSBA's Technology Leadership Network, workshop attendees engaged in a lively discussion of technology learning now and in the future. In addition, participants took a hands-on

tour with Apple to see how the iPad is changing the learning experience. We found that even the most tech-savvy users had a lot to learn!

Below, L-R: Jeana Jacobs and Carolyn Boston (Prince George's County); Ann De Lacy (Howard County), and Steve Bounds (MABE)



Below, L-R: Melissa Williams (Washington County); Amber Waller (Prince George's County)



Below, L-R: Donna Brightman (Washington Co.); Tom Carr (Garrett County)



Below, L-R: Walter Palmer (Caroline County); Frances Hughes Glendening (MABE)



Below: The presenter from Apple discusses how technology impacts student learning.



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