

Mar. 1, 2013

MABE Calendar

DATE CHANGE: March 8 - Legislative Committee meeting, Legislative Luncheon (see invitation below)

March 15 - [Boardsmanship Academy](#) course: Evaluating the Superintendent

March 25 - Legislative Committee meeting

March 27 - [State Board of Education](#) meeting

April 5 - Conference Planning Committee meeting

April 13 - 15 - [NSBA Annual Conference](#)

April 19 - [Boardsmanship Academy](#) course:

It's Time to Go Viral: Using Social Media to Engage Stakeholders and Build Community Capital

April 22 - Legislative Committee meeting

April 24 - [State Board of Education](#) meeting

(For a complete calendar with details, please visit the [MABE website](#).)

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

Tablets in the Classroom

By Lawrence Hardy

Nestled in the woods of Virginia, a state known for its veneration of the past, Jamestown Elementary School is named for the first permanent English settlement in America, the remnants of which lie some 150 miles to the south. Students are expected to know a lot about state and national history.

But when it comes to exactly how they acquire that knowledge, this Jamestown isn't clinging to the past.

"The iPad came out in April 2010," says Camilla Gagliolo, instructional technology coordinator for the 21,000-student Arlington Public Schools, located in the Washington, D.C., suburbs. "In May, we had our first pilot in place."

What are Jamestown's students doing with those devices? Studying their namesake, for one. One day in early December, fourth-graders in Bill Donovan's social studies class were sprawled across the room, paired up at tables, on tables, and on the rug, all hunched over iPads. They were looking at more than 100 photos the class took during their visit to the settlement. After downloading them into their own online reports, they wrote captions about what they saw.

[\(Complete article\)](#)

MABE Partner, Performance Matters, Attending NSBA Conference

Are you attending this year's NSBA conference in San Diego? Stop by the exhibit hall and visit the Performance Matters booth!

MABE strives to provide our members with consultation and services that lead to policy decisions which will make the biggest impact on student learning. We believe an excellent data system is paramount for any school district that wants to sustain continuous improvements in learning and instruction.

The National School Boards Association recommends Performance Matters as an excellent system to support the *Data First* campaign: [Press Release](#)

Performance Matters currently works with half of all Maryland school districts. The company has proven to be a committed Maryland business partner by continually customizing and improving their technology for Maryland's specific needs. When in San Diego, we encourage you to stop by the Performance Matters booth and let our partner demonstrate how easy it is to get answers to the following types of questions:

1. Do we have a system to combine all possible measures of student performance?
2. Do we have a way to analyze longitudinal performance not only for MSA and other state tests, but also for local assessments?
3. Which students are our strongest performers and where are our opportunities for growth?
4. Are our students showing **growth** over time, rather than just mastery of standards?
5. Do we have appropriate measures for determining student growth for all students?
6. Which schools are showing consistent student growth and which ones are not?
7. What programs and services produce the largest learning gains for specific groups of students?
8. Which teachers work best with different groups of students?
9. Are there specific teacher characteristics or actions that are associated with student achievement?
10. How does our district professional development directly impact student achievement?

For more information about Performance Matters and other MABE partnership services, please visit the [website](#).

Upcoming [Board Development](#) Opportunities

Friday, March 15, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. to noon

Evaluating the Superintendent

Is your process for evaluating the superintendent working for you? Is it comprehensive or is the process just circling numbers on a sheet of paper once a year? In this interactive session with Kitty Blumsack, Director of Board Development, we will take a serious look at the process, review sample evaluations and discuss strategies for making this a "win-win" process for you and your superintendent. You also will hear from your colleagues about the process they use. Given the unprecedented influx of new superintendents in Maryland since 2010, this is an especially critical session.

Who should attend: School Board Members, Leadership Program Participants

Key work areas: Standards, Accountability, Continuous Improvement

Location: MABE office

Friday, April 19, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. to noon

It's Time to Go Viral: Using Social Media to Engage Stakeholders and Build Community Capital

Many school districts have revisited the long held belief that social media is all bad and have started using Blogs, Facebook, and Twitter to better engage stakeholders. Properly leveraged, social media can be utilized to start conversations based on a solid foundation of facts rather than some blogger's

rant. With Ari Ioannides, BoardDocs president, you will learn how simple changes to existing websites and board materials combined with proactive messaging can enhance any communications strategy and build community capital.

Who should attend: School Board Members, Superintendents, Board Assistants

Key work areas: Climate, Collaboration, Continuous Improvement

Location: MABE office

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

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

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 in March.

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

Scenes from MABE



Above: NSBA's Director of Technology Education, Ann Flynn, provided MABE's Board of Directors with a view of technology in the classroom today and in the future.



Above: The Board of Directors' Welcome Reception for our new executive director was a great success.

L-R: MABE Past President Gary Bauer, President Rodger Janssen, and Executive Director, Frances Hughes Glendening



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