

Maryland Association of Boards of Education

Legislative Committee

Joy Schaefer, Chair

Agenda

January 5, 2015

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

1.	Call to Order/Roll Call	Welcome & Introductions	Joy Schaefer	5 min.
2.	Reports on Local Legislative & Policy Initiatives & Actions from Member Boards	Information & Discussion	Joy Schaefer/ All	25 min.
3.	MABE Leadership Meetings with Nancy Grasmick and Governor-Elect Hogan	Information & Discussion	Francie Glendening/ All	10 min.
4.	Issue Briefs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter School Reform: Multiple Authorizers, Employment Flexibility, Facility Funding • Special Education: Shifting the Burden of Proof • Nonpublic School Funding: Tax Credit Financed Tuition Voucher Program 	Information & Discussion	John Woolums/ All	60 min.
5.	General Assembly Committee Assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review House Appropriations and Ways & means; and Senate Budget & Taxation and Education Committees 	Information & Discussion	John Woolums/ All	10 min.
6.	Legislative Committee Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 5, 2015 • (Session convenes Jan. 14, 2015) • Jan. 26, 2015 • January 29, 2015 - Legislative Day Luncheon, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the West Conference Room in the Miller Senate Building (Sponsored by Sen. Addie Eckardt) • Feb. 9, 2015 • March 2, 2015 • March 16, 2015 • March 30, 2015 • (Sine Die April 13, 2015) • Apr. 27, 2015 - Session Wrap-Up 	Information & Discussion	Joy Schaefer/John Woolums/ All	5 min.
7.	Adjournment	Closing Remarks	Joy Schaefer	5 min.

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Meeting Materials and Resources

Charter School Reform

- [Link to “Hogan Says He’ll Push for Charter Schools” \(Baltimore Sun\)](#)
- [Link to “More Choices for Parents and Students” \(Baltimore Sun Editorial\)](#)
- MABE Testimony: [HB 926 – Cyber Charter Schools \(oppose\)](#); [HB 146 – Charter School Capital Funding \(oppose\)](#); [SB 194 – Charter School Study \(oppose\)](#)
- [MSDE’s Charter School Program Webpage and Resources](#)
- [Maryland Charter School Study \(UB Schaefer Center for Public Policy/MSDE \(2014\)\)](#)

Nonpublic School Funding: Education Tax Credit Program

- [Link to “Where Governors Stand on School Choice” \(Friedman Foundation\)](#)
- [Link to “Good Schools Deserve Investment” \(Archbishop William Lori\)](#)
- MABE Testimony: [HB 1262 – Maryland Education Credit \(oppose\)](#)
- [Link to “Rejecting the BOAST Bill, Vouchers, and Neo-Vouchers” \(MSEA\)](#)

Special Education: Burden of Proof

- [Link to Maryland Coalition for Special Education Rights & Burden of Proof](#)
- [Link to “Special-Ed Legislation Would Level the Playing Field” \(Washington Post\)](#)
- [Link to “Special Education and the Burden of Proof: The Legacy of Schaffer ex rel. Schaffer v. Weast” \(Les Stellman\)](#)
- MABE Testimony: [SB 691 – Burden of Proof \(oppose\)](#)

General Assembly Committee Assignments

- [House Committee Assignments \(Maryland Reporter\)](#)
- [Senate Committee Assignments \(Southern Maryland Online\)](#)