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The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), representing all of the State's 24 local boards of education, is committed to maintaining the essential role of local boards and superintendents in developing local school construction and renovation priorities, capital improvement plans, and annual budgets. To that end, MABE recognizes and values the role of Maryland's high quality Public School Construction Program, a program led for over a decade by Dr. David Lever.

Throughout Dr. Lever's tenure as executive director, local school systems enjoyed a highly productive era of school facility construction and renovation. Dr. Lever built on his experience as the director of Prince George's County's school construction program to become a champion for high quality school facilities throughout the State. Therefore, we regret to learn of the resignation and departure of Dr. Lever, and wish him well in his future endeavors. Dr. Lever's [letter of resignation](#) eloquently conveys his dedication and pursuit of excellence on behalf of local school systems.

MABE believes it is critically important to sustain a mutually beneficial partnership between the state school construction program and each of the 24 local school systems. This partnership is grounded in the common goal of optimizing school board investments of local and state funding to provide the highest quality schools possible for our students and staff.

MABE pledges to pursue the successful collaboration of local boards of education, the Governor, General Assembly, Board of Public Works, Interagency Committee on School Construction (IAC), and the critically important role of the Executive Director of the school construction program, to sustain Maryland's outstanding public school construction program.

On behalf of our more than 860,000 prekindergarten through twelfth grade students, these individuals and public bodies share a common goal – wisely investing taxpayer dollars to build the learning environments in which our students are being prepared for their future successes in higher education and the workplace.

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