



## State Board Appoints New Superintendent

Guffrie M. Smith, president of the Maryland State Board of Education, today announced that Karen B. Salmon has been named Maryland state superintendent of schools. [MSDE Press Release](#)

Dr. Salmon will begin serving as acting superintendent on June 1, and take the helm as state superintendent one month later. She will succeed interim state superintendent Jack Smith, who earlier this year was named the next superintendent of the Montgomery County Public Schools.

Salmon, a long time Maryland educator, most recently served at the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) as acting deputy state superintendent for school effectiveness. She began her career as a special education teacher in Caroline County, and then moved to an administrative position in Talbot County public schools. She rose to county schools superintendent and remained in the position for a decade. In 2013, Salmon become superintendent of Bay Shore Union Free School District in New York, and returned to Maryland in 2015 to accept the acting deputy position at MSDE.

MABE president Warner I. Sumpter stated, "On behalf of Maryland's 24 school boards, we congratulate Dr. Salmon on her appointment and look forward to working collaboratively with her to continue Maryland's tradition of excellence for all public school students."

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