

August 9, 2016 – For Immediate Release: Blumsack Leaving MABE to Pursue Other Opportunities

Long time MABE Director of Board Development Kitty Blumsack has announced her resignation in order to pursue other career opportunities.

Hired by former executive director Carl W. Smith in 1999, Blumsack was tasked with creating a comprehensive professional development program that would serve the specific and unique needs of school board members. Over her 17 years of service, Blumsack developed New Board Orientation, the Boardsmanship Academy, Leadership I and II, and the Academy Fellows programs for individual board members, along with creating the MABE Book Club.

In addition, Blumsack facilitated workshops and retreats for all school boards in the state, and created the Master Board program that enabled boards and superintendents to learn together as a team. She was also in charge of coordinating the annual conference until resigning that position two years ago.

In her letter to executive director Frances Hughes Glendening, Blumsack stated, “It has been an honor to work with dedicated school boards and school board members in Maryland. Without a doubt, their unwavering commitment to creating the best educational experience for our students has been inspiring, and I am humbled to have been a part of that.”

Glendening stated, “Over the course of her many years at MABE, Kitty’s contributions to the organization have been invaluable. She inherited a single new board orientation session, and leaves for her successor a fully developed, comprehensive program that addresses the needs of boards and board members, along with a great number of school staff. Kitty is the consummate professional whose talent and skill has enhanced and informed the work of boards across the state. More importantly, her humor and friendship to members and staff alike will be greatly missed.”

Board president Warner I. Sumpter stated, “Kitty’s outstanding skill and talent as MABE’s Director of Board Development are well known in the State of Maryland. But on a personal level, my experience with Kitty through workshops, conferences, and my local board’s retreats have made me a fan, and have led me to regard her as a trusted friend. Her advice and guidance have proven invaluable to me personally and to our board as we navigated through challenging situations. I know our entire membership joins me in wishing her the best of luck in her future endeavors.”

The target date to have Blumsack’s replacement on board is October 1, 2016; however, she will remain available to assist with the effective functioning of the board development programs and ensure a smooth transition for the new director.

Details of the employment opportunity are available on the MABE website with application review beginning September 1, 2016; the position will remain open until filled.

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