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MABE Congratulates Member Martha James-Hassan on receiving the Annual Dr. Effie H. Jones Humanitarian Award from AASA

Annapolis, MD, January 30, 2018 - The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) is pleased to announce that board member Martha James-Hassan, school board commissioner, Baltimore City Public Schools was a recipient of AASA's, The School Superintendents Association, annual Dr. Effie H. Jones Humanitarian Award.

This award honors leadership in education equity and excellence and to receive this award, recipients must show a commitment to the advancement and mentorship to women and minorities in positions of leadership. One also must demonstrate a commitment to address social justice issues in school settings.

Dr. James-Hassan was appointed to the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners in 2015 where she serves as the Chair of the Policy Committee and a member of the Operations committee. She was elected to the Steering Committee of the Council of Urban Boards of Education in March, 2017.

With nearly 25 years of experience in urban education, Dr. James-Hassan is a member of the faculty at Morgan State University as an assistant professor in the School of Education and Urban Studies. Her current research agenda involves investigating in-service teacher professional development, cultural fluency, and interdisciplinary education. She is considered to be a national expert in the Common Core State Standards and equity.

Dr. James-Hassan serves as the Secretary on the MABE Board of Directors. She also is a member of the Association's ESSA and Equity Ad Hoc Committees.

MABE Executive Director, Frances Hughes Glendening stated, "In every aspect of Martha's participation in MABE, she consistently and repeatedly reminds us to ensure we are scrutinizing all our organization work with an equity lens to advance the overarching goal of excellence with equity. Martha is a tireless, persuasive advocate for vulnerable children and youth, minorities and women in virtually every situation where I have worked with or observed her."

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