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**MABE Announces Dr. Edward Root, Former Member of the Allegany County Board of Education, Selected 2018 Distinguished School Board Service Award Recipient**

**Annapolis, MD June 28, 2018** - The Maryland Association of Boards of Education has announced the selection of Dr. Edward Root as the Distinguished School Board Service Award Recipient for 2018.

The award is presented to a board member who has made outstanding contributions to public education through school board service in Maryland. Root was selected from a number of highly qualified nominees recommended by local Boards of Education.

Root served on the Maryland State Board for eight years from 1999 to 2007 with four of those as President. He also served six years on the Allegany Board of Education, beginning in 2010, where he was instrumental in initiating a partial Chinese immersion program in a Title 1 school, securing funds to replace a 120-year-old high school and developing productive relationships with the government and business community.

In addition to work on the Allegany County board, Root was an active member of MABE, serving on a variety of committees including The School Funding Adequacy Ad Hoc and the Budget Committee.

“Well regarded within the local community and around the state, the candidate’s diverse background as an educator allowed him insight to every aspect of the education system. He understood and communicated the plight of a teacher, the demands of an administrator and the processes and stresses of an elected official,” Root’s award submission narrative states. “He bridged many gaps for our Board, and his presence was missed the first day his tenured expired. He truly deserves to be recognized for his work as a school board member and his commitment to our community.”

MABE President, Charles McDaniels, states, “Dr. Root is an excellent choice for this award. His tireless dedication to county and state teachers and students is invaluable. We are delighted the committee named him as the 2018 recipient.”

The award will be presented at the Maryland Association of Boards of Education Annual Conference in Ocean City, Maryland, in October of this year.

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