Request for Nominations

The Maryland Association of Boards of Education
Distinguished School Board Service Award was established to honor MABE’s first full-time executive director, Charles W. Willis. It may be presented every other year (alternating with the Maryland Association of Boards of Education Excellence in Education Award) to an individual selected by his or her peers to recognize distinguished board service at the state and local level.

Please note:

- Local school boards may nominate a current or former member of their own board, or a former or current member of any other MABE member board.
- Nominations must be made on behalf of a majority of the board; individuals may not make nominations.
- A board may nominate only ONE candidate in a single year.
- Candidates from previous years may be re-nominated.
- Previous recipients of the award (formerly named the Charles W. Willis Memorial Award) are ineligible.
- Nominations that exceed the word limit will not be considered.
- Nominations, consisting of the submission form and the written Part I and Part II, received after the deadline will not be considered.
- All nominations are strictly confidential. Only the name of the recipient chosen by the committee will be announced.

Please submit your complete written nomination to the MABE office no later than close of business on March 30, 2020.

Each nomination must consist of the following:

1. The award submission form. The nominee’s name may appear only on this form.
2. A separate page(s) addressing Part I and Part II as detailed on the submission form

Please return the complete submission in one of the following ways:

1. Email to Jackie Weisman, Director of Communications & Marketing, at jweisman@mabe.org
2. Fax to 410-841-6580
3. Mail to the MABE office at the above address to the attention of Jackie Weisman, Director of Communications & Marketing.

Should you require further information, please contact Frances Hughes Glendening, fglendening@mabe.org.
Submission Form

Date: ________________________________________

Name of nominee: __________________________________________________________________________

Is the nominee living or deceased? _______________________________________________________

Nominees Contact Information (if known):
Address: _________________________________________________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Nominated by:
Board Member submitting nomination: ____________________________
on behalf of a majority of the members of the ____________________________
Board of Education.

Part I: In 1000 words or less, please explain why this nominee is deserving of the award. Nominee’s name or school system should NOT be stated; he or she should be referred to as ‘the candidate.’ Please address the following characteristics in your nomination:

1. Demonstrates a keen understanding of the role of a school board member
2. Works collaboratively with fellow board members and staff
3. Values diversity by advocating for the educational needs of all children
4. Works proactively to foster community engagement with all education stakeholders
5. Represents the school board and school system in an ethical and honorable manner
6. Demonstrates leadership at the state or national level

Part II: In 250 words or less, please explain why this current/former member’s service rises above and beyond the standard expectations of school board members. This is an opportunity to provide information not addressed in Part I and share why this person, above all other current and former members of your board, is being nominated.