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## **MABE RESPONDS TO RECOVERY PLAN**

The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), welcomes the State Superintendent's decision to extend school closures through the end of this school year. We also endorse the State Department of Education's "[Maryland Together - Maryland Recovery Plan for Education - Response to Covid-19 and a Pathway Forward.](#)"

MABE appreciates the challenge in crafting a recovery plan given the totality of the impact on student learning resulting from the school closures ordered in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The recovery plan provides much-needed guidance on an array of programs and services, including school calendars and course scheduling, delivery of instruction, and assessments. As well as meeting the needs of our students requiring special education services, student supports including mental and behavioral health, and professional development for our teachers, principals, and other staff.

Local boards of education strongly support the plan's approach of providing discretionary guidance to school systems to consider alternative approaches and adopt local options to meet the learning needs of all students. MABE looks forward to continued collaboration among state and local education leaders in the coming weeks and months to support the learning of our nearly 1 million students and prepare for the coming school year.

Now the top priority for local boards is to secure the substantial federal funding relief needed to fill the state and local revenue gaps and sustain the teaching and learning of our students in the 2020-2021 school year. This funding will enable local boards and superintendents to carry out the strategies laid out in the recovery plan.

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