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“DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE AWARD” TO BE AWARDED TO CHARLES COUNTY’S VIRGINIA (“GINNY”) MCGRAW

Annapolis, MD – The [Maryland Association of Boards of Education \(MABE\)](https://www.mabe.org/) today announced Virginia (“Ginny”) McGraw has been named the recipient of its “Distinguished School Board Service Award” for 2023.

The biennial award, to be presented to McGraw during the MABE Annual Conference this October in Annapolis, is presented to a school board member who has made outstanding contributions to public education through school board service in Maryland. Nominees are presented by local boards of education in Maryland.

McGraw, a longtime Charles County resident, served as President of MABE during 2021-2022, a Board of Directors member and officer from 2017 through 2022, and as a Trustee for MABE’s Legal Services Association. Active for many years in several MABE Board Service Academies and Annual Conferences, she also served on numerous MABE Committees, including the statewide association’s Bylaws, Educational Equity, Budgeting, Conference Program, and Policy & Procedure Committees.

The retired Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) Principal was named 2009 CCPS Principal of the Year, and served as a teacher and vice principal with CCPS. In addition to serving on statewide education-related task forces, McGraw was an active participant as MABE’s representative on the Early Childhood Education Advisory Council in 2021 and 2022, and is a member of the Charles County Retired School Personnel Association. She holds a master’s degree in Special Education and a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Special Education.



Ginny McGraw, recipient of MABE's "Distinguished School Board Service Award" (2023)

Award nominators highlighted McGraw’s longtime commitment to quality public education. “Ginny’s belief in children has undoubtedly helped many of them to succeed in life. She is a true example of someone who believes in education and the success of every child,” they noted. “Her 40-year career has epitomized commitment, dedication, and passion for public education and achievement for all children.”

Nominators also emphasized the sizable impact McGraw’s actions have meant for students and education stakeholders. “Ginny led policy change to increase student opportunity and public input on educational issues, but her commitment to education does not stop with children; it continues to impact educators and stakeholders across the state of Maryland,” nominators said. “She’s always understood the importance of collaboration, effective internal and external communication, and strong community involvement in work with local groups to provide school system resources.”

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Joe Goetz, MABE's current President from Kent County, singled out McGraw's leadership abilities. "Ginny's unswerving commitment to public education in Maryland acts as a model for so many school board members," he said. "In all of her education efforts she acts as a true 'servant-leader,' in that she is able to critically think and act in a leadership capacity during challenging times, while at the same time always keeping the well being of Maryland public education students and schools front and center. She's a true inspiration for so many people in the public education realm."

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About MABE:

Founded in 1957, The Maryland Association of Boards of Education is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to serving and supporting boards of education in Maryland. MABE is a leading advocate for public education in the state. All 24 Maryland boards of education are members of MABE.