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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION'S PAMELA BOOZER-STROTHER EARNS STATEWIDE "DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE AWARD"

Annapolis, MD – The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) today announced Prince George's County's Pamela Boozer-Strother has earned its 2025 "Distinguished School Board Service Award."

The biennial statewide award is presented to a school board member who has made outstanding contributions to public education through school board service in Maryland, and will be presented to Boozer-Strother this October 20th during MABE's Annual Conference in Annapolis. Nominations are made by local boards of education throughout Maryland.

Pamela Boozer-Strother, recipient of MABE's "Distinguished School Board Service Award" (2025)

Boozer-Strother is serving her second four-year elected term with the Prince George's County Board of Education, which serves nearly 133,000 students. Her policy accomplishments alongside school board colleagues range from the PGCPS Climate Change Action Plan, recognized as a national leader in the K-12 sector, to the complex Educational Facilities Master Plan Updates and Blueprint Schools Public-Private Partnership ("P3 Program"), involving 14 schools and a $2.2B+ budget.

The Maryland native has been active with MABE since 2018, having served on several of the Annapolis-based association's committees, including Legislative, Policies & Procedures, and the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Ad Hoc Committee.

In addition to serving in leadership and board roles at multiple associations, non-profits and cultural institutions, Boozer-Strother has been active in numerous organizations including the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), the Prince George's County Gateway Community Development Corporation, and the Aspen Institute K-12 Climate Action Roundtable. She earned her BA in Political Science from Alfred University in New York before going on to earn her MBA from American University's Kogod School of Business. She is married to artist Margaret Boozer-Strother; their son is now a 10th-grader at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville.

Award nominators singled out Boozer-Strother's strong advocacy, leadership, and collaboration skills, emphasizing her "unwavering commitment to advancing equity, sustainability, and excellence in public education." Nominators also stressed how "as a recognized leader in climate and education policy," Boozer-Strother's unique understanding of how thoughtful governance drives long-term improvement has made a real difference for students and schools, as has her ongoing work to foster meaningful community engagement.

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When asked for advice she may have for newly elected or appointed school board members, Boozer-Strother shared guidance a MABE member had offered at MABE's 2018 training for new school board members: "Never regret a vote by allowing others to sway you from what you know is the vote you will be proud of," she said. "I heard that loudly and clearly, and have returned to it many times over the years in times of difficult decisions, by staying focused on children's needs first."

Karin Bailey, MABE's 2024-2025 President and Chair of the St. Mary's County Board of Education, praised Boozer-Strother's years of contributions to MABE, and to the association's vision of championing excellence in public education throughout Maryland. "As a school board professional and MABE colleague, Pamela exemplifies dedication, a deeply ingrained commitment to public education, and the innate ability to actively work as a true team player," Bailey noted. "These qualities have been especially valued during such challenging times for public education, and continue to act as a real backstop for so many of us connected to MABE."

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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.