# THE MSDE PULSE

## A Monthly Insight in to the Happenings at MSDE

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# Maryland Teacher of the Year

## MSDE is proudly recognizes the 2018-2018 Maryland Teacher of the Year: Dr. Richard Warren, Jr.

Dr. Richard Warren, Jr., an eighth grade Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) teacher at Somerset County’s Crisfield High School and Academy, was officially named the 2018-2019 Maryland Teacher of the Year!

Dr. Karen Salmon, State Superintendent of Schools, made the announcement at the 28th Annual Teacher of the Year Gala, held October 12 at Martin’s West. The event attracted scores of educators, dignitaries and leaders, such as Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford, Sen. Chris Van Hollen, and former Sen. Paul Sarbanes.

Richard has taught for six years, the last five spent at Crisfield High School and Academy. He holds three degrees from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore: a bachelor of science degree in science; masters of arts in teaching and a doctorate in educational leadership.

STEM education is Richard’s passion. He looks to inspire, connect, and help students stretch their potential through technology and relatable learning experiences.

“Teaching is so much more than content,” he says. “Teaching is about reaching students where they are, connecting them to real-world experiences, and equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills to lead and make a difference in life.”

Richard understands that Crisfield High School and Academy is a significant institution in the rural community. As such, students, parents and local residents have a deep connection to the school, and he has found ways to honor the community by connecting students to it.

Through his unique teaching style and positive outlook Dr. Warren is sure to go far with his new role as Maryland Teacher of the Year!

**[Follow this link for a video recap of the 28th Annual Teacher of the Year Gala!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6V0QQktspg)**

# State Board Actions: September

### *The following actions were taken at the September 25, 2018 State Board of Education meeting:*

 Granted permission to publish the repeal and replacement of Regulation .03 Superintendents under Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.12.04 Administrators and Supervisors. The new regulation will allow two additional pathways for certification in the area of superintendent, as well as establish two distinct superintendent certificates: Superintendent I for Deputy, Assistant and Associate Superintendent; and Superintendent II for Superintendents.

 Granted permission to publish new Regulation .06-1 Extraordinary Career Leader Certificate under COMAR 13A.12.01 General Provisions. This will create the new Extraordinary Career Leader Certificate for those individuals with an exceptional background and skills to be considered for a Superintendent position. This regulatory action will be considered by the PSTEB at its meeting on October 4, 2018.

 Approved a request from Montgomery County Public Schools to waive the post-Labor Day school start date for Arcola Elementary School and Roscoe R. Nix Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year.

 Approved the FY 2020 budget estimates, FY 2020 enhancement requests, and the FY 2020 request for State Aided Educational Institutions.

 Approved the Maryland K-12 Academic Standards for Computer Science.

### *The following Opinions and Orders were rendered:*

 Ahmed H. v. Montgomery County Board of Education – early K entry – Opinion No. 18-28

 Sheree L. v. Prince George’s County Board of Education – student expulsion – Opinion No. 18-29

 Fanny Q. and Shardrack A. v. Howard County Board of Education – early K entry – Opinion No. 18-30

 Watershed Public Charter School, Inc. v. Baltimore County Board of Education – denial of charter school application – Opinion No. 18-31

Meeting materials, Opinions, and Order can be found by following [this link](http://marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Pages/default-2023.aspx).

# Maryland Charity Campaign 2018

Join us! Give a little, help a lot!

 It’s that time of year! The Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC) is approaching quickly! The MCC is a workplace charitable giving program that offers State Employees and eligible Retirees the opportunity to contribute to charities using the convenience of payroll deduction. Currently, more than 800 charities participate in the campaign. This campaign is an opportunity to reach out and touch the lives of those in need. Help make a meaningful difference across the State of Maryland by giving a little and helping a lot!

We have plenty of fun donation opportunities coming up, including this year’s…..

Division Pumpkin Challenge! Held **MONDAY, OCTOBER 29TH – OCTOBER 31ST.** It’s harvest time again! Use your best ideas to create a division/education themed pumpkin to support the Maryland Charities Campaign! Vote for your favorite pumpkin! Vote tickets will be available to purchase in the Baltimore Street Lobby from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. $1 = (1) one vote $5 = (7) seven votes $10 = (15) fifteen votes

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# Day to Serve 2018!

MSDE Staff once again participated in the annual Day To Serve Initiative. This initiative spotlights the extraordinary spirit of volunteerism within Marylanders, Governor Hogan declared the month between September 11 and October 10, 2018 the official Maryland Day to Serve Month. Each year, Marylanders from across the state join our neighbors in Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington in giving back to the community.

This year, our employees served along side some familiar faces, many service events built on relationships established through passed service initiatives. Participants from multiple MSDE Divisions spent the day creating mosaic’s with [**Art with a Heart**](https://artwithaheart.net/contact/)and preparing and packaging meals for [**Our Daily Bread**](https://odb.org/)and [**Moveable Feast**](http://www.mfeast.org/), staff efforts helped feed hundreds of people with food insecurities in the Baltimore area!

The 2018 Day to Serve Initiative encouraged our staff to collaboratively tackle service and volunteer projects while working as a team and contributing to the great good of our local communities.

To learn more about Day to Serve, [follow this link](https://www.daytoserve.org/).

# MSDE CLASSIFIEDS: A MONTHLY INSIGHT INTO THE HAPPENINGS AT MSDE

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### Say Hello >>>

Who’s new to MSDE? Check back each month for an updated list!

* **Desiree Allen**, School Guidance Counselor (Juvenile Services Education)
* **Kimberly Buckheit**, Education Program Specialist II (Division of School Support, Academic Enrichment, and Educational Policy)
* **Sandra Caldwell**, Safety Analyst (Maryland Center for School Safety)
* **Erik Gerald**, Bldg. Security Officer II (MSDE/DORS/Workforce Technology Center)
* **Patricia Harvey**, Executive Associate I (Division of Assessment, Accountability and Information Technology)
* **Kimberly Jordan**, School Guidance Counselor (Juvenile Services Education)
* **Kerri Moore**, V.R. Specialist II (MSDE/DORS/Region V/Owings Mills)
* **Michele Murphy**, Education Program Supervisor (Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services)
* **Grace Osemene**, Financial Compliance Auditor II (Office of Audit)
* **Meghann Rhmiro**, Voc. Rehab. Spec. II (MSDE/DORS/Disability Determination Services)
* **Nichole Ryan**, Special Education Teacher (Juvenile Services Education)
* **Oumie Sherif**, School Guidance Counselor (Juvenile Services Education)
* **Penelope Shook**, Staff Specialist III (MSDE/DORS/Workforce Technology Center)
* **Erika Spencer**, Academic Resource Teacher APC (Juvenile Service Education)
* **Michael Trabert**, Staff Specialist II (MSDE/DORS/Workforce Technology Center)
* **Li Wang**, Data Analyst (Office of School, Teacher, and Principal Improvement)
* **Chelsea Wheeler**, V.R. Specialist II (MSDE/DORS/Region V/Towson Office)
* **Sieda Wilkerson**, Science Teacher (Juvenile Services Education)
* **Giselle Wilmore**, School Guidance Counselor (Juvenile Services Education)
* **Gloria Zagorski**, Academic Teacher (Juvenile Services Education)

### Best Wishes >>>

Sharing staff members that have recently retired! Best Wishes!

* **Christina Driscoll,** Office of School and Community Nutrition Programs, Retired 9/30/ 2018

## Customer Service Heroes

###  Juvenile Services Education

“Everyone was so helpful. From the time of my first phone call on Wednesday morning to Bev Maple at JSE it took less than 48 hours to have a transcript in hand. Dawn Hubbard and Crystal Fleming-Brice followed up right away. Kudos to everyone. “

### Michelle Daley- Division of Student Support

“I have worked with Michelle Daley for several years.  She is incredibly responsive, supportive, and helpful. Ms. Daley's professionalism makes creating the Master Plan a much less onerous task than it could be. MSDE is very fortunate to have such a dedicated professional as part of their team.”

### Division of Rehabilitation Services

“My experience with DORS has been outstanding, particularly my interactions with Ms. Chan and Ms. Dowd. Please keep up the good work. You are appreciated and needed.”