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**TO:** Local School Superintendents  
Heads of Nonpublic Schools

**FROM:** Mohammed Choudhury   
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**SUBJECT:** 2022 United States Senate Youth Program

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The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is pleased to announce an opportunity for two Maryland students to participate in the 2022 United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP). Each year, two students from every state and the District of Columbia are selected to attend a week-long government and leadership program in the nation's capital, Washington, D.C. This program, now in its 60<sup>th</sup> year, is fully funded by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. The USSYP has an excellent reputation for providing outstanding student leaders a unique experience in understanding our nation's political process. The one-week program provides an opportunity for students to meet with legislative, executive, and judicial leaders to discuss political issues that affect our nation. Each participant also receives a one-time \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship and is encouraged to pursue coursework in history and political science.

The attached guidelines outline the process that will be used to nominate two students to represent Maryland. Please disseminate this guidance to all high school principals to ensure eligible students have an opportunity to participate.

Nomination forms may be scanned and emailed to Michele Moore at [ussyp2019.msde@maryland.gov](mailto:ussyp2019.msde@maryland.gov). If you need additional information, please contact Christy Thompson, Executive Director, Division of Student Support, Academic Enrichment, and Educational Policy by email at [christy.thompson@maryland.gov](mailto:christy.thompson@maryland.gov) or by phone at (410) 767-0275.

Enclosures

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