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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Mohammed Choudhury
DATE: February 22, 2022
SUBJECT: College and Career Readiness Interim Standard

PURPOSE:

To adopt the Blueprint College and Career Readiness Interim Standard.

BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future legislation requires the Maryland State Board of Education to adopt a new interim standard to define what it means for students to be considered college and career ready.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As set out in *Education Article §7-205.1(d)*, it is the goal of the State that students enrolled in public school shall meet the CCR standard before the end of the 10th grade and no later than the time the student graduates from high school. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, all students shall be assessed no later than 10th grade by a method adopted by the State Board to determine whether the student is College and Career Ready (CCR). The law further requires that meeting the CCR standard shall initially require a student to achieve "the equivalent of a score of 4 or 5 in the mathematics and English portions of the Partnership for Assessment for Readiness for College and Career grade 10 assessments or the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program grade 10 assessments or any successor assessments."

MSDE is working to develop and propose a long term CCR standard that relies on more than a standardized test score, including by commissioning two empirical studies, in consultation with the Accountability and Implementation Board, from outside experts. However, to meet the statutory requirements for the 2021-2022 school year related to an initial, interim standard of CCR, MSDE recommends that the Board adopt the following standard:

Under the interim CCR standard, a student will be designated as “College and Career Ready” if they meet at least one of the standards listed below for English **and** one of the standards listed below for Math:

- English (any one of the below options)
 - Score 4 or 5 on the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) English 10; or
 - Score 2 or 3 on early fall Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) English 10; or
 - Score 3 or 4 on fall or spring MCAP English 10
- Math (any one of the below options)
 - Score 4 or 5 on the PARCC Algebra I, Algebra II, or Geometry; or
 - Score 2 or 3 on early fall MCAP Algebra I, Algebra II, or Geometry; or
 - Score 3 or 4 on fall or spring MCAP Algebra I, Algebra II, or Geometry; or
 - Score of 520 on the Math SAT**

** A score of 520 on the Math SAT is considered an “equivalent” of a score of 4 or 5 under the Blueprint’s requirement based on an equivalency study completed by the Maryland Assessment Research Center (MARC) at the University of Maryland College Park.

ACTION:

Request adoption of the new College and Career Interim Standard as described in the Executive Summary.