

# Brinkley announces re-election bid

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FREDERICK — Sen. David Brinkley, R-Frederick, officially announced his bid for re-election earlier this week, roughly a month after filing for a second term in his District 4 seat.

Mr. Brinkley held a campaign kickoff in Carroll County on Sunday. About 21 percent of his constituents live there, while the rest reside in Frederick County.

Education, transportation, public safety and economic development will highlight his campaign, Mr. Brinkley said.

"I think those are the things that generally are the items of priority," he said. "People want to make sure that they have a safe place to go home to, that they get home, that the kids are

properly educated and that you have an opportunity to earn some money."

In addition to his current Senate term, Mr. Brinkley, 46, served two terms in the House of Delegates.

Among the accomplishments of the past four years are channeling transportation funding to Frederick by way of main street revitalization efforts and state highway projects.

School construction has been a top priority, he said.

"For me, the (Linganore and Oakdale High School projects are) a big, big issue, and I want to see that come to fruition," Mr. Brinkley said. "It's just securing

funding from whatever source you can."

This year the state gave Frederick County Public Schools more than \$19 million in construction funding.

Mr. Brinkley is the only Senate candidate running in his district so far.

The deadline for candidates to file is July 3. The primary is scheduled for Sept. 12 and the general election is scheduled for Nov. 7.

"I don't know of anyone that's in the wings," he said. "But someone certainly will be. It's rare that anyone goes unchallenged, and I don't expect that here."

Mr. Brinkley described himself as one of Gov. Robert Ehrlich's "go-to people in Annapolis" and said he expected that relationship to continue.