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**A few words
from Interim
State
Superintendent
of Schools
Bernard J.
Sadusky**

By the time next week's Educator Effectiveness Academy at Towson High School is completed, more than 6,000 Maryland teachers and administrators will have taken part in the largest professional development program in Maryland education history.

Ten other regional academies have been held throughout the State, involving teams of educators from all 1,450 Maryland public schools.

Funded through the Race to the Top program, the academies have focused on the new Maryland Common Core State Curriculum Standards and Frameworks, as well as the relationship between the State's vision of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education and the Common Core.

Academy participants have been learning about the Common Core State Standards, and will provide feedback to the Maryland State Department of Education. Master teachers culled from across the State have been leading the Academies. Four-member teams from schools attend the academies and, in turn, will serve as resources for their schools as they produce one-year professional development plans for their schools. Academies also will be held during the summers of 2012

DeGRAFFENREIDT RE-ELECTED STATE BOARD PRESIDENT; DUKES RE-ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT

The Maryland State Board of Education last week unanimously re-elected James H. DeGraffenreidt, Jr., as its president, while Dr. Charlene Dukes was re-elected vice president.



James H.
DeGraffenreidt, Jr.

DeGraffenreidt has served as State Board president for the past three years. He is the former Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of WGL Holdings, Inc., the parent company of Washington Gas. A long-time business leader, DeGraffenreidt also served as Chairman and CEO of Washington Gas, the natural gas utility serving more than 1 million customers in the Washington metropolitan area and surrounding region. In addition to serving on the boards of the Walters Art Museum and the Maryland Science Center, Mr. DeGraffenreidt completed terms as Chairman of the American Gas Association and Co-Chair of the Alliance to Save Energy during over a decade of service on each of those boards. He currently serves on the boards of Harbor Bankshares Corporation, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, and Vectren Corporation. He received the degrees of Juris

and 2013.

We appreciate the dedication of Maryland educators taking part in this program. They are laying the groundwork for further educational improvements to come.

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Schools will begin to open in Maryland on Monday, August 22, when Dorchester County, Prince George's County, Somerset County, and the Statewide SEED school open their doors. All 24 school systems will be open by August 29.

More than anything else, we want our students to be safe as they make their way to school. We appreciate the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) for doing its part in this effort. GOCCP announced this week that it had awarded nearly \$550,000 in grants to local law enforcement agencies to help spotlight school bus safety.

MSDE's Office of Pupil Transportation earlier this year coordinated a one-day survey by bus drivers, who reported on violations to bus stop arm laws. More than 7,000 drivers were found ignoring the stop arms on buses during a single day.

That total is unacceptable, and we are excited to work with law enforcement to keep our children out of harm's way.

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Doctor and Master of Business Administration from Columbia University in 1978 and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Yale College in 1974. He is married with four children.



Dr. Charlene Dukes

Dr. Dukes has served as State Board vice president for the past two years. She is president of Prince George's Community College and has had 27 years of progressive leadership experience and administrative responsibility in higher education. She is a former member of the Prince George's County Board of Education, and has served in a variety of professional organizations, including the National Council on Student Development, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, and the Maryland Network, an affiliate of the Office of Women in Higher Education/American Council on Education. Dr. Dukes has a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and a master's and doctorate in administrative and policy studies from the University of Pittsburgh.

The Maryland State Board of Education is a 12-member body appointed by the Governor. Members serve a maximum of two four-year terms. A student member serves a one-year term.

FRANCZKOWSKI NAMED ASSISTANT STATE SUPERINTENDENT; HEATH-BAGLIN STEPPING DOWN

Marcella E. Franczkowski has been appointed Maryland's Assistant State Superintendent for Special Education/ Early Intervention Services.

Ms. Franczkowski

Calendar

August 17 – 20 – Maryland Association of Counties Meeting (Ocean City)

August 22 – First School Systems Open for the Fall

August 26 - September 5 – Maryland State Fair

August 30 – State Board Meeting, Baltimore

VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

MSA Scores - 2011

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Gains in Reading highlight the 2011 release of the MSA results. Some scores now are reaching the level of 90-percent proficient.

Race to the Top

Race to the Top Monthly Update
July 2011 Issue, [Click Here](#).

In the News

Teachers Receive Biomedical Training at Stevenson University
WBAL-TV, Baltimore

Montgomery County Approves First Charter School
Washington Post

MSA Science Scores Rise Modestly
Baltimore Sun

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Dr. Carol Ann Heath-Baglin (left) introduces Marcella Franczkowski to the State Board this month.

has managed the State's Infants and Toddlers and Preschool Special Education Programs for the past two years. Prior to joining MSDE, she had been the system-wide coordinator of Special Education

for the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Ms. Franczkowski is replacing Dr. Carol Ann Heath-Baglin, who is retiring after 15 years in the position, and after nearly 35 years working in Maryland special education and early childhood programs.

"Marcella brings a wealth of knowledge, energy, and experience to her new position," said Interim State Superintendent of Schools Bernard Sadusky. "She replaces one of the true leaders in our Department. Dr. Heath-Baglin has been an advocate for our State's special education students, working with systems throughout the State to strengthen services and instruction."

A graduate of the University of Maryland in College Park, Ms. Franczkowski holds a master's degree in special education measurement from the Johns Hopkins University and has a masters equivalent in education administration and supervision from Western Maryland (now McDaniel) College. She is a member of the Kappa Delta Phi Education Honor Society. Ms. Franczkowski began her professional career in 1978 as a diagnostic/prescriptive teacher and has taught at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. In addition, she has held multiple early childhood and special education school-based and central office administrative positions in the Baltimore County Schools, including the Office of Nonpublic Placements and more recently Early Childhood Special Education.

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Dr. Heath-Baglin came to MSDE in 1978, later working for the Governor's Office for Children, Baltimore County and Harford County Schools before returning to MSDE.

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