

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

President: G. George Asaki, 1987

Herbert L. Fishpaw, 1987; Mary Elizabeth Ellis, 1988; May B. Bolt, 1989; Lawrence A. Shulman, 1989; Priscilla Hilliard, Ph.D., 1990; Frederick K. Schoenbrodt, 1990; Rosetta G. Kerr, 1991; Wilson H. Parran, 1991; Ellen Kimatian, *student*, 1987.

David W. Hornbeck, *State Superintendent of Schools and Secretary-Treasurer of the Board*, 1988

Claud E. Kitchens, *Deputy State Superintendent of Schools*

Ellen M. Heller, *Principal Counsel*

200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore 21201

Telephone: 333-2000
Public Information: 333-2205

State administration of Maryland public schools was attempted in 1825 and again in 1865 with a State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The General Assembly, however, did not establish the State Board of Education until 1870 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1870). The Board makes policy for the public school system and passes the bylaws and regulations that govern it. The State Department of Education, headed by the State Board of Education, became a principal department of State government in 1976 (Chapter 539, Acts of 1976; Code Education Article, secs. 2-101 through 2-205).

Appointed by the Governor, the State Board of Education consists of ten members. Nine are appointed to five-year terms, and a nonvoting student member serves a one-year term.

The State Board of Education appoints the State Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent directs the State Department of Education and executes the policy and enforces the regulations adopted by the Board. The Superintendent serves a four-year term (Code Education Article, secs. 2-301 through 2-303).

The State Department of Education consists of the State Superintendent of Schools and the professional staff employed by the Board to assist the Superintendent. The Department includes the Office of Administration and Finance; Division of Certification and Accreditation; Division of Compensatory, Urban, and Supplementary Programs; Division of Instruction; Division of Instructional Television; Division of Library Development and Services; Division of Special Education; Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; and Division of Vocational-Technical Education. Also within the Department are the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries, the Attendant Care Program Advisory Committee, and the Accountability Task Force.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

John E. Tritt, *Assistant State Superintendent*
Telephone: 333-2648

The Office of Administration and Finance develops and implements State Department of Education policies, procedures, and systems for administrative operations in such areas as Personnel Services, Information Systems, and General Services, as well as pupil transportation and school food services.