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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

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DATE: February 26, 2013

SUBJECT: Release of Advanced Placement Data

PURPOSE:

To provide an update on the *9th Annual AP Report to the Nation* data as well as 2011-12 PSAT and SAT trend data for participation and performance of Maryland students.

BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Each year, the College Board releases the *AP Report to the Nation* which contains the results for students' entire experience with AP – tracking exams taken by graduates throughout their high school careers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

MSDE's long-standing partnership with the College Board continues to be reflected in Maryland's success. Maryland ranks #1 in AP performance for the 7th consecutive year. 29.6% of graduates from Maryland's public high school class of 2012 scored a 3 or higher on at least one AP Exam during high school. Maryland ranks #2 in the nation in AP participation (48.2%).

Maryland has been the recipient of federal funding, Advanced Placement Incentive Program (APIP), to support AP expansion in school systems with a significant number of under-represented and income-eligible students. The 2011 APIP funding supports Pre-AP/AP' expansion in Dorchester and Wicomico Counties and one Baltimore City high school.

Carroll County, Harford County, and Montgomery County Public Schools have been recognized by the College Board as AP District Honor Roll systems for increasing access to Advanced Placement courses and increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams.

ACTION:

For information and discussion.

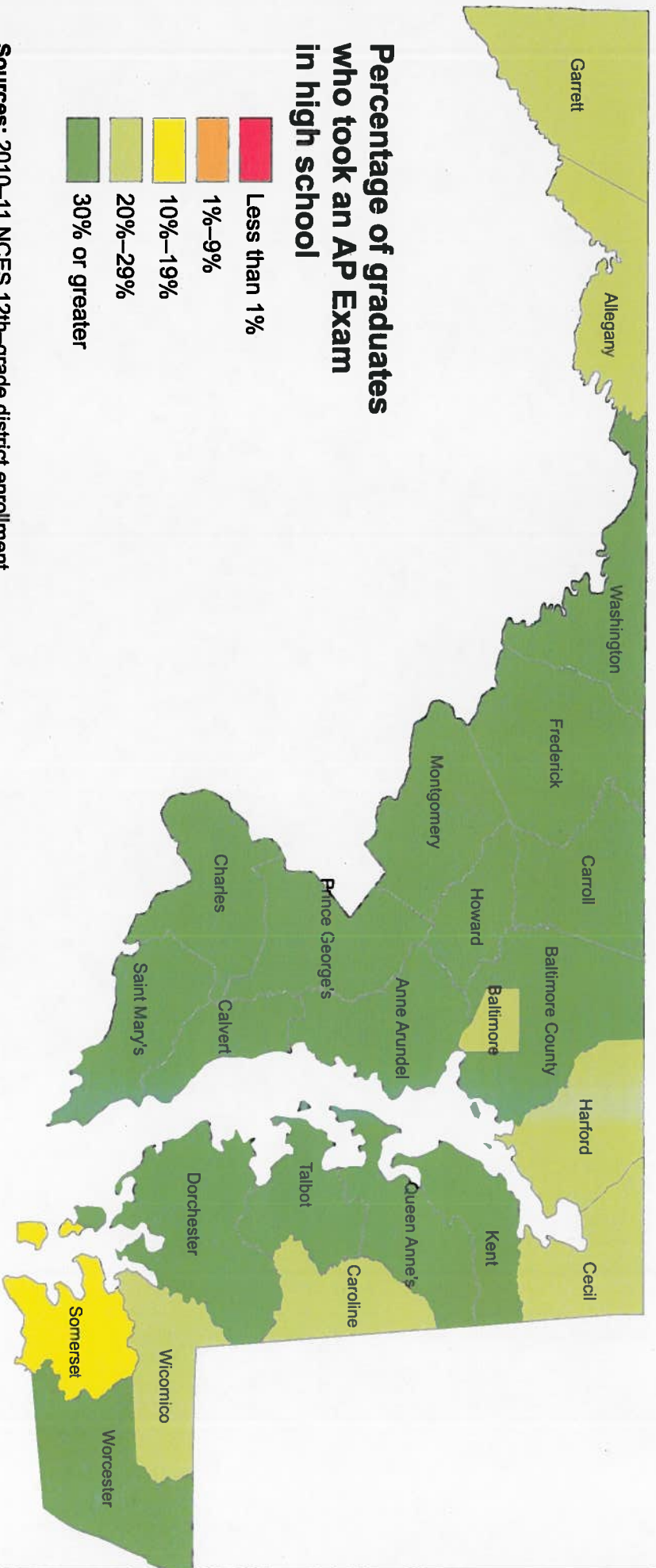
Attachments:

- *Maryland Student Achievement Report 2011-12*
- *The 9th Annual AP Report to the Nation* (Embargoed until February 20, 2013)
- *The 9th Annual AP Report to the Nation: State Supplement* (Embargoed until February 20, 2013)
- Maryland AP Participation and Performance Maps

Maryland Public Schools: **#1 in the Nation Five Years in a Row**

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AP[®] Participation by District: Class of 2012

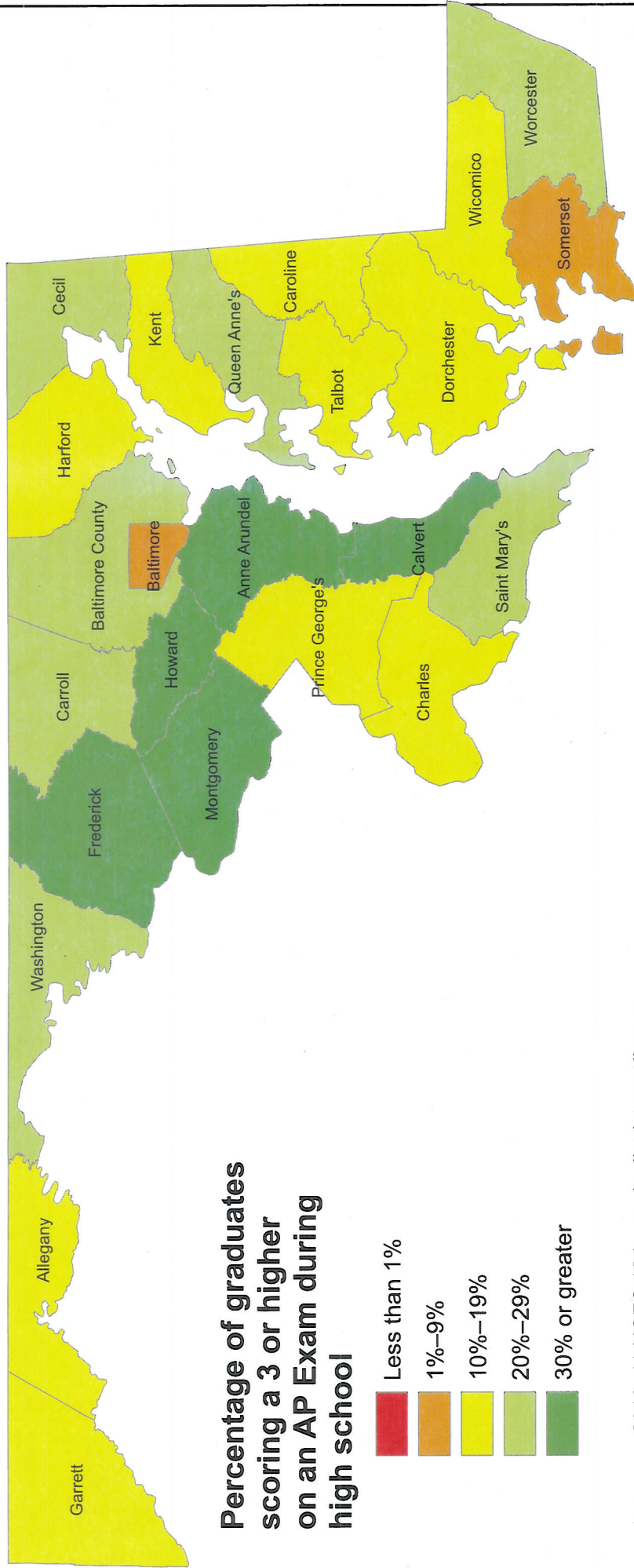


Sources: 2010–11 NCES 12th-grade district enrollment, 2012 College Board AP Cohort Data, and 2009–10 Proximity School District Boundary Files.

Notes: The most recent enrollment data available were for the 2010–11 school year. A degree of caution should be exercised when reviewing participation estimates, as data may not reflect district enrollments for the 2011–12 school year. AP cohort data represent public school students from a given graduating class who took an AP Exam during high school.

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AP[®] Success by District: Class of 2012



Percentage of graduates scoring a 3 or higher on an AP Exam during high school



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