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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Nancy S. Grasmick *Nancy*
DATE: December 17-18, 2008
SUBJECT: 2008 Bridge to Excellence Master Plan Updates

PURPOSE:

To provide an overview of the 2008 Bridge to Excellence Master Plan Updates.

BACKGROUND:

Each year the State Superintendent sends to the State Board of Education recommendations on the approval of the Master Plan Updates. Attached is a report from the State Superintendent to the Board detailing the findings of the review panels concerning the updates. At the November 2008 State Board Meeting a white paper on the Bridge to Excellence Master Plan process and background video were presented followed by a discussion period, which covered the Bridge to Excellence Law and the process used by MSDE to review the plans. That information is available on the MSDE website at and will not be reproduced in the attached document.

NEW INFORMATION:

The review process was completed by 97 educators from MSDE and local school systems. All updates have substantially met federal and state grant, program, and financial requirements. MSDE continues to work with Baltimore City Schools on some school-level concerns in Title II, Part A: *Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High Quality Teachers*.

ACTION:

For information only, no action required.

Attachments

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http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/programs/Bridge_to_Excellence/