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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Nancy S. Grasmick *Nancy*
DATE: May 24-25, 2011
SUBJECT: Update on the Maryland Association of Student Councils

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to inform the State Board of Education of the activities and programs completed in the past year and the plans for 2011-12 by the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC), to introduce the new MASC President to the Board and the 2011-12 Student Member on the Board.

BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Since 1971, the Maryland State Department of Education has sponsored the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC). Today, MASC is comprised of 286 member schools from 20 regions across the state. MASC has a proud history of supporting and organizing civic engagement events such as lobbying and mock voting programs. MASC also sponsors four major events each year: a Fall Leadership Conference, Legislative Session, Legislative Lobbying Day and Convention. The MASC Executive Board meets five times each year: August, October, December, February and May. MASC is the organization charged with selecting two students to recommend to the governor for the position of Student Member on the State Board of Education.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Michael Hagan, 2010-2011 MASC President from Damascus High School in Montgomery County, will outline the group's successes during the 2010-2011 school year as well as introduce the 2011-2012 MASC President and the 2011-2012 Student Member of the Board of Education.

ACTION:

No action required. This item is for Board information only.