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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Nancy S. Grasmick *Nancy*
DATE: May 27-28, 2009
SUBJECT: Update on the Maryland Association of Student Councils

PURPOSE:

The purposes of this report is to inform the State Board of Education of the activities and programs conducted during the 2008-2009 school year by the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) and to introduce the new Executive Director to the Board and the 2009-2010 President of MASC.

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 member schools from 20 regions across the state. MASC has a proud history of supporting and organizing civic engagement events such as Mock Election and Youth EVote. MASC also sponsors five major events each year: a Middle School Leadership Conference, a High School 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:

David Murray, 2008-2009 MASC President from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Prince George's, will outline the group's successes during the 2008-2009 school year as well as introduce the 2009-2010 MASC President, Jigisha Srivastav.

ACTION:

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

