

# Where will Maryland's public education go from here...

## from National Leader to World Class

Over the past three decades, Maryland has built a strong foundation, policy by policy, to achieve national status as a leader in educational excellence. **Maryland has been recognized as the nation's number one public school system for the past two years** for one simple reason: it does not stand still.

As winner of \$250 million in the competitive federal **Race to the Top (RT3)** program, Maryland's objective is to move from national leader to world class status. Maryland's goal is to continue implementing strategic reforms that will allow our students to not only compete with their peers across the nation but globally. This means recognizing and acting on the new reality that a high school diploma is just the starting point; every student must be prepared to succeed in college or the workplace.

The Maryland State Department of Education's RT3 program will build on our solid record of school reform with a five-prong strategy that will provide the appropriate challenges and supports to students, educators, and administrators. Maryland's strategy includes:

- Ensuring that **all students are fully prepared for college and careers** in the 21st Century
- Building a **statewide student data system**
- Developing and supporting **Great Teachers and Great Leaders**
- Turning around **low-achieving schools**
- **Increasing Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) resources** for elementary through high school students

In addition, by joining 48 states in adopting the Common Core State Standards, **Maryland is part of a nationwide alliance** to ensure students have the knowledge and skills for global competition and success in college and the world of work.

Today, Maryland is poised to prepare all students for college and career success in the 21st Century.

For more information about Race to the Top in Maryland, go to [MarylandPublicSchools.org/MSDE/programs/race\\_to\\_the\\_top](http://MarylandPublicSchools.org/MSDE/programs/race_to_the_top)

