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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Jack R. Smith, Ph.D. *JRS/ck*

DATE: October 27, 2015

SUBJECT: Update on State Aided Institutions

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board with a general overview of the State Aided Institutions program and the services provided to the 24 local jurisdictions.

BACKGROUND:

The Maryland State Department of Education provides annual grants to non-profit organizations to provide enriching educational programs that cannot be replicated in the classroom. Collectively, these programs are known as the State Aided Educational Institutions Program (SAI). The organizations provide engaging, hands-on, experiential learning opportunities that support the State's curricular and educational goals and priorities. The SAI program has been funded since 1998.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The SAI program has an annual application process which includes recommendations to the Governor for possible inclusion in the State's budget. Information for Board review includes:

FY 2016 SAI Program Overview;
The SAI's Reach (Demographic Spread across the State); and
The Coalition of SAI's.

ACTION:

For information only, no action required.

Attachments

MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Division of Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability
State Aided Educational Institutions
FY 2016 Program Overview

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The program provides grant awards to forty organizations across the state. Grant recipients include:

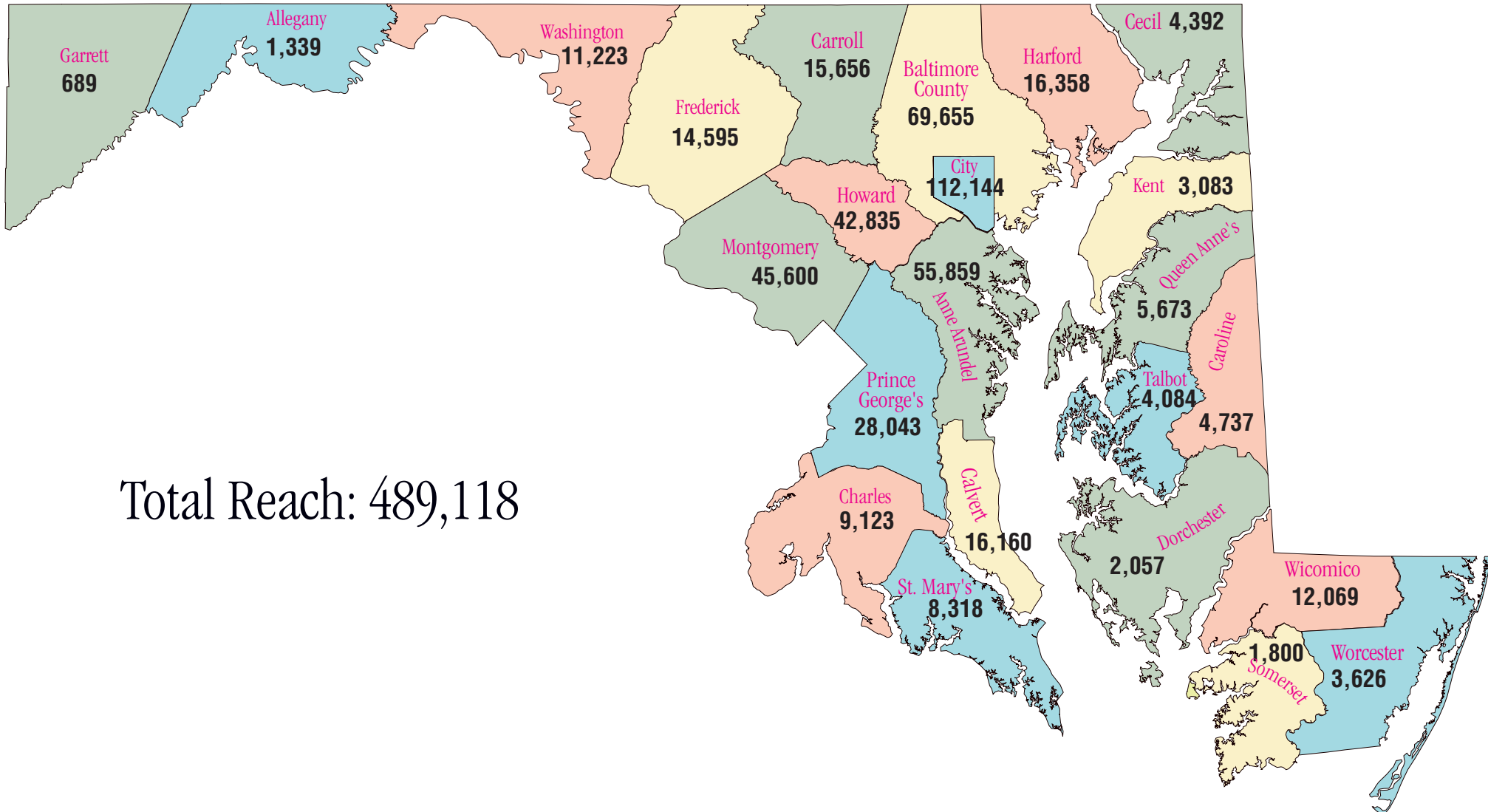
Alice Ferguson Foundation/Hard Bargain Farm	Maryland Historical Museum
Alliance of Southern Prince George's Communities	Maryland Humanities Council
American Visionary Art Museum	Maryland Leadership Workshops
Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum	Maryland Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement
Baltimore Museum of Industry	Maryland Zoo in Baltimore
Baltimore Symphony Orchestra	Museum of Ceramic Art
Best Buddies	National Aquarium in Baltimore
Calvert Marine Museum	National Great Blacks In Wax Museum
Chesapeake Bay Foundation	NorthBay
Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum	Olney Theatre Center for the Arts
Citizenship Law-Related Education Program	Outward Bound
CollegeBound Foundation	Port Discovery Children's Museum
Dyslexia Tutoring Program	Salisbury Zoo
Echo Hill Outdoor School	South Baltimore Learning Center
Historic Sotterley	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake/State Mentoring Resources Center
Imagination Stage	Sultana Education Foundation
The Jewish Museum of Maryland	SuperKids Camp
Junior Achievement of Central Maryland	Village Learning Place
Living Classrooms Foundation	Walters Art Museum
Maryland Academy of Sciences/MD Sci. Center	Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art

The institutions provide opportunities that emphasize experiential learning and one-on-one support services. Services include, but are not limited to, free or reduced admission, full-day and residential field trips with hands-on activities, mentoring, and tutoring. In many cases, pre- and post-visit activities for teachers are used to connect the experiences to the classroom curriculum. Programs also provide continued follow-up to experiential activities through internet activities. Professional development opportunities for teachers that link the SAI programs with the classroom are also available.

Monitoring of the SAI programs includes on-site visits by Department staff, a mid-year progress report, a final program report that verifies all services provided, and a telephone/email audit of end users.

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State-Aided Institution's Reach July 2014 - June 2015



Total Reach: 489,118