

## **Who Should Lead Maryland's Schools? Forums Announced**

Maryland is at a critical juncture as it chooses a new State Superintendent of Schools. Although Maryland should celebrate being ranked the best public school system in the country for three years in a row by Education Week, the nation's leading education newspaper, it is not a time for complacency.

The Maryland State Board of Education has retained outside consultants to assist in the search for a new State Superintendent of Schools. As part of the hiring process, the consultants are hosting forums in seven locations across the state to solicit community input as to what leadership characteristics people want in the next Superintendent. The forums will be informal and do not require advance registration.

The forums will be held at each location at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

- **October 27 - Talbot Co.** (Easton High School - 723 Mecklenberg Avenue, Easton, MD 21601)
- **November 2 - Prince George's Co.** (Laurel High School - 8000 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD 20707)
- **November 3 - Montgomery Co.** (Seneca Valley High School - 19401 Crystal Rock Drive, Germantown, MD 20874)
- **November 7 - Calvert Co.** (Huntington High School - 4125 N. Solomons Island Road, Huntington, MD 20639)
- **November 7 - Allegany Co.** (Mountain Ridge High School - 100 Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick Lane, Frostburg, MD 21532)
- **November 9 - Harford Co.** (Edgewood High School - 2415 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood, MD 21040)
- **November 10 - Baltimore City** (Baltimore Polytechnic Institute - 1400 W. Cold Spring Lane, Baltimore, MD 21209).

This is the first time the State Board has had to appoint a new Superintendent in twenty years. It is a unique opportunity to provide input into the selection of our next Superintendent of Schools. We strongly urge you to attend one of these forums and make your opinions known.

If you cannot make one of these forums, you can complete a survey at: [www.ecragroup.com/mdss](http://www.ecragroup.com/mdss). Surveys must be completed by November 18, 2011.

Please spread the word and forward this information to your local schools, friends, family, and community members.

Thank you!