

## Maryland Accelerates Executive Advisory Board Update

September/October 2021

As the second cohort of the Maryland Accelerates Teacher Residency Program has begun, and the success of this state-of-the-art program continues to grow, we present a quick status report on the progress, milestones, and future endeavors of the program. If you have any questions about the information presented, you may contact us by email at [info@marylandaccelerates.edu](mailto:info@marylandaccelerates.edu).

### Program Information

- The EAB section of the Maryland Accelerates website will be updated as projects progress. Members were provided a link via email to their private personalized section of the website. Let us know if you require the link again.
- EAB Members will begin receiving the MAEAB Update via email every bi-monthly (every two months).
- We encourage you to follow us on Facebook (<https://fb.me/marylandaccelerates>) and Twitter (@MD\_Accelerates) to receive the latest program information as it happens and invite colleagues and friends who may be interested in the program to follow us as well.

### Resident Cohort Information

- Cohort One residents have all been placed (hired) by our partner districts: Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) and Garrett County Public Schools (GCPS). They are referred to as teacher-fellows.
  - FCPS – 4 elementary; GCPS – 3 elementary; No secondary level residents in the first cohort
- 17 teacher-residents have been admitted to the Maryland Accelerates program. Orientation was held in July and they all have been assigned to their respective school districts:
  - FCPS – 10 residents, 7 elementary, 3 secondary; GCPS – 7 residents, 3 elementary, 4 secondary

### Recruitment Strategies

- The increase in cohort residents can be contributed to a variety of recruitment efforts:
  - Billboard advertisements on regional highways
  - Social media posts
  - Video testimonials from teacher-residents
  - Participation in regional career fairs, information sessions, and partner district events
- Recruitment for Cohort 3 are underway including the following new initiatives
  - Increasing our social media presence by implementing a robust posting schedule
  - Launch of Maryland Accelerates blog slated for September/October 2021
  - Establishment of Fall and Spring resident interview process with partnering school districts

### Outreach and Engagement

- Proposals to present at professional conferences have been submitted (AACTE, ATE, CSCE).
- Writing has begun for topical white papers to be published on behalf of the Maryland Accelerates program
- Dr. Williams has been in consult with Dr. Teresa Dozier, retired Director of the Virginia Commonwealth University Teacher Residency program to gain insight on successful policies, procedures and intel.
- Seeking to gain membership in the national rural education association and national teacher residency association. The ability to actively participate in these organizations will help with honing our national perspective and enhancing our national voice.