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## Message from the Executive Director

The start of school is in full swing! Congratulations to all of our school staffs, operators, students, and families. We are so proud of all that you have overcome and continue to persevere through all the ups and downs related to Covid-19. For some, even walking through the doors of a school was a terrifying matter, but your bravery and strength has led to students and teachers in classrooms learning.

We are also excited to report that MAPCS is on track to have its highest membership ever recorded. We are hopeful to have all but one operator as dues paying members this year. Our membership is comprised of some of the best people doing real work to provide access and equity to high-quality public school options in Maryland. Thank you for entrusting us to continue to be the vehicle to provide advocacy, communications, and technical assistance. We would like to extend an extra special welcome to our first time members: Monacacy Montessori Communities, Inc. (MMCI), Coppin Academy, Midtown Academy, and Phoenix International School of the Arts (PISOTA).

We are starting of this membership year with some exciting wins, as well. The Prince George's County Alliance was able to work together and advocate for more equitable distribution of ESSER/Relief Funding. Originally, our five operators only saw a total of \$300,000, but worked with the school district to recalculate an equitable share of more than \$24 million. It was a very powerful collaboration between the district and the charter operators to make this happen. We also have two new leaders for the Baltimore Alliance, Chevonne Hall-Smith from Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women and Jane Lindenfelser from Patterson Park Public Charter School. They have already infused so much innovation into the work of that group and are looking forward to much more as their term continues. Our work in Frederick County and Baltimore County has not slowed down

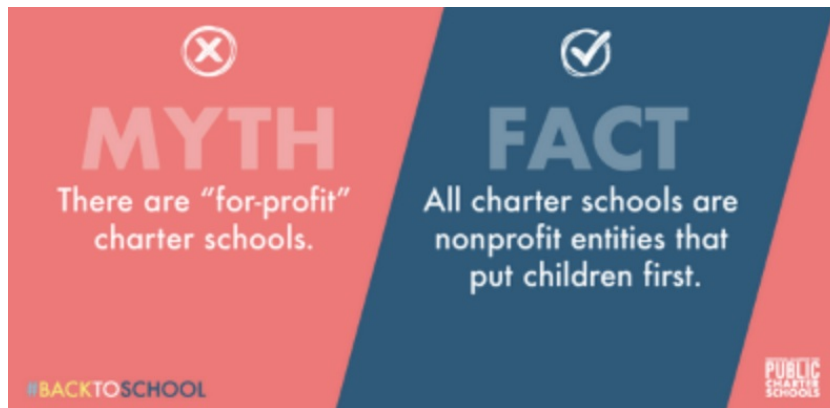
with supporting district/operator collaboration and board governance practices.

Big things are coming to MAPCS, so please continue to follow our updates and announcements. We are hoping to grow our staff, impact, and outreach, but can't do it without you! Thank you for your continued support!

-McKenzie



Teacher Rihab Rishak talks to her kindergarten students in the Arabic language immersion program at Baltimore International Academy East on the first day of school. (Jerry Jackson/Baltimore Sun)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

(All MAPCS events are free with funding provided by the MSDE CSP Grant)

**Looking to start a public Charter School?**

[Charter Starter Series](#) | September - December



[Intro to MD Charter Schools](#) | September 30 at 5:00pm

[Charter Starter Virtual Workshop](#) | October 7, 2021 | 5pm-8pm

[Charter Design Virtual Workshop Series](#) | October - December | 5pm-8pm

Founding a public charter school in Maryland is hard but rewarding work. The MAPCS

Charter Starter virtual workshop series (all free) encompass each stage of opening a public charter school, from learning about the process to understanding the components of a quality application. The Charter Starter Series has 3 parts. Part 1 is Intro to MD Charter Schools, Part 2 is the Charter Starter Virtual Workshop, and Part 3 is the Charter Design Workshop Series (4 virtual workshops).

If you have ever considered being a public charter school founder, now is the time. We anticipate that the last round of [MSDE CSP Grants](#) (up to \$900K in start-up funds) will be announced in Summer 2022.

The Charter Starter Series is being offered again this fall. Find out more about the virtual webinar and workshop offerings and links to register [here](#).

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## Charter School Leader Succession Planning

November 9, 2021 | 4pm-5pm



To ensure the long-term success of your school, it is critical to navigate leadership transitions effectively. Schools can proactively prepare for both planned and unplanned transitions in order to ensure that your school can continue to achieve success during these potentially challenging times. This webinar will walk participants through a succession readiness checklist, and help them begin to identify key next steps to create a thoughtful action plan.

About the Presenter: Jacob is the founder and former Executive Director of [Coney Island Prep](#), a public charter school in Brooklyn, NY that he ran for over ten years. The school, which opened with 90 fifth grade students and 12 staff members, currently serves over 1,000 students in grades K - 12. 100% of seniors from every graduating class have been accepted to college. Jacob lives with his wife, Isabel, in Brooklyn, NY. Jacob currently serves as the Director of Schools for SchoolHouse.

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## MAPCS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ON-DEMAND GOVERNANCE RESOURCES



Curated by MAPCS for Maryland Public Charter Schools

### On-Demand Resource Pages for Charter School Operators

Our new On-Demand Resource pages are live! Check out our [Governance Resource Page](#), which was created in partnership with Education Board Partners to provide informative videos and tools around key charter school governance topics. Four new videos have been uploaded.

MAPCS previously launched the [On-Demand Renewal Resource Page](#), which was created in partnership with EdOps, and helps charter school operators tell their data story.



### MAPCS' Online Job Board

Many of Maryland's public charter schools are hiring. Interested in working at a public charter school, find postings [here](#). MAPCS Member charter schools can now post their job openings directly on our website! All member schools will receive access to the [members-only portal](#), which currently includes a job board and an extended library of charter school resources curated for operating schools. See the above event for more info on our virtual job fair.

## MEET OUR NEW VENDORS

Click on the vendor's names below to learn more! Our new [Vendor Marketplace](#) connects companies and products to Maryland's Charter Schools.

### Featured Vendor

Easysuite Software offers products to schools nationwide to make their operations easy.

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