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Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, President University of Maryland Baltimore County 1000 Hilltop Circle Baltimore, Maryland 21250

Dear Dr. Hrabowski:

Thank you for co-sponsoring and hosting the Career Changers Fair for becoming a Maryland teacher that was held in your University Center Ballroom on September 28, 2002. The event was a great success! Your facility was ideal for the occasion! More than 800 participants registered and countless others attended. It was very exciting to meet with so many people who want to become teachers. This large group represents an important untapped resource in this period of teacher shortage. Participants varied greatly by age, race and ethnicity, and background experience; many were men.

I also want to thank you for the wonderful assistance that was provided by your faculty and staff. Dr. Diane Lee, Dr. John Lee, and Dr. Susan Blunck and others facilitated, answered questions and solved problems, demonstrating to the many guests that indeed becoming a teacher is the most important career choice they can make and that they can pursue their dream at UMBC. Dr. Diane Lee and her colleagues also provided critical planning and technical assistance in preparation for the Career Fair.

Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate you on two great honors. I have recently learned that UMBC has been recognized by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities for having the top urban teacher education program in the country, and I have learned that UMBC has won a National Science Foundation grant with Baltimore County Public Schools to improve teaching and learning. Your leadership and the consistent pursuit of school improvement by Dr. John Lee and his colleagues will help improve the lives of many children in Maryland.

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Grasmick

State Superintendent of Schools

c: Dr. Diane Lee Dr. John Lee

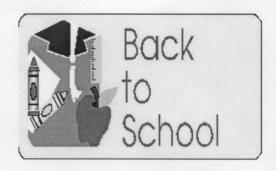
Dr. Susan Blunck

BECOME A MARYLAND TEACHER: CAREER CHANGERS FAIR

September 28, 2002 9:00 - 4:00

University of Maryland Baltimore County

University Center Ballroom



To Pre-Register Call: 443-612-5323

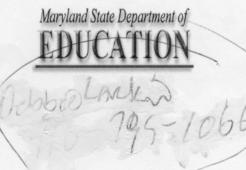
On-Site Registration Also Available

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Public School Systems

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Baltimore County Public Schools
Carroll County Public Schools
Eastern Shore of Maryland Educational Consortium (ESMEC)

Frederick County Public Schools
Harford County Public Schools
Howard County Public School System
Montgomery County Public Schools
Prince George's county Public Schools
Queen Anne's County Public Schools
St. Mary's County Public Schools

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Baltimore City Community College
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Employees

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Concurrent Sessions

Session A: Introduction to Becoming a Maryland Teacher

An Overview of Requirements including Content and Professional Education Coursework and

Testing

9:30 10:30 11:30 12:30 1:30 2:30

Session B: Routes to Teacher Certification

An Overview of Traditional and Alternative Programs through Colleges, Universities and

Local School Systems

10:00 11:30 1:00 2:30

Session C: Financial Aid and State Incentives

An Overview of Scholarships, Signing Bonuses

and Other Financial Incentives

10:00 11:30 1:00 2:30





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