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2017 Board of Directors Election Candidate Slate

Reginald Burke, M.S.



Reginald Burke is the Specialist for School Completion and Alternative Programs at the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), and serves as the Project Director of the Maryland Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education, a federally funded initiative aimed at improving behavioral health awareness among school-aged youth and their communities. Much of this work includes connecting children, youth, and families who may experience behavioral health issues with appropriate services. Mr. Burke also serves as the Education Branch Lead on the Governor's Opioid Operational Command Center (OOCC). The OOCC brings together state and local agencies to support the prevention, treatment, and

enforcement efforts to address the heroin and opioid crisis in Maryland. Prior to joining MSDE, Mr. Burke was the Director of the Safe Schools Healthy Students grant designed to support District of Columbia charter schools in the areas of school safety, improving school climate, and increasing the delivery of mental health services to children and youth. During his 22 years as an educator, including 12 years as a principal and assistant principal in the District of Columbia Public Schools, he developed effective programs and strategies to meet the academic and social-emotional needs of students. Throughout his career, he has provided training and technical assistance in the implementation of evidence-based programs, communicated with school and community leaders in order to foster citywide relationships and interagency linkages, facilitated program and community meetings, and consulted with school staff and leadership to develop effective and supportive educational environments.