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Juvenile Services Education Board Seeks Superintendent of Schools

Baltimore, MD – The newly created Juvenile Services Education Program (JSEP) Board, within the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), is recruiting for a Superintendent of Schools. The Department is implementing a new educational program for its youth that will transition from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to JSEP, starting on July 1, 2022.

The Superintendent vacancy is posted on the [Department of Budget and Management's State of Maryland Jobs Openings Webpage](#). Recruitment will remain open for 30 days. Human Resources will then categorize all qualified applicants and provide a list to the Board's subcommittee. Members of the subcommittee will conduct interviews and present their recommendations to the full JSEP Board.

"Hiring a Superintendent is one of the most important jobs placed upon the JSEP Board," said Board Chair Grace Reusing. "We are in the process of a rigorous national search and plan to have the new Superintendent in place by January 2022."

According to the job description, "The Superintendent of JSEP will have a unique opportunity to improve educational opportunities, choices, and quality of instruction for thousands of children committed to DJS operated juvenile justice settings in Maryland. The JSEP Superintendent must believe deeply in, and be motivated by, the JSEP mission to provide an innovative learning environment that meets each student's unique needs. The Superintendent of JSEP will champion equitable, high quality, holistic and individualized education for a unique student population, identify metrics and communicate high expectations for JSEP, and drive related transformation efforts. The Superintendent will build a broad base of support through engagement with policy leaders at the state and local levels. To accomplish this bold and critical work, the JSEP School Board is seeking a seasoned, tested, high-caliber leader."

During the 2021 session, the Maryland General Assembly passed and Governor Hogan signed into law Senate Bill 497, which transfers the responsibility of implementing educational programming from the Maryland State Department of Education to the Juvenile Services Education Board.

Senate Bill 497 establishes the Juvenile Services Education Program Board to oversee and provide for educational services to all youth placed in a DJS-operated detention and residential treatment facility. The Board includes appointees from the Governor, the State Superintendent of Schools, representatives from DJS, MSDE, Higher Education, the Attorney General's Office, a representative of the Public Schools Superintendents' Association, and a Juvenile Services Educator member. A complete list of participants, as well as agendas, minutes, and videos of each Board meeting, can be found on the [Department's website](#).

Any questions regarding this vacancy can be emailed to the DJS Human Resources Office at djs.careers@maryland.gov.

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