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## **Juvenile Services Education Board Selects New Superintendent of Schools**

*Baltimore, MD* – The Juvenile Services Education Program (JSEP) Board has selected Kimberly Pogue as its first Superintendent of Schools. As a familiar face to both the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), Pogue is tasked with implementing and administering a new educational program for DJS youth. The transition from MSDE to JSEP will start on July 1, 2022.

“Following a rigorous national search, the JSEP Board voted unanimously to select Ms. Kimberly Pogue as our JSEP Superintendent,” said Board Chair Grace Reusing. “On behalf of the Board, I would like to welcome her to our team. Ms. Pogue is a transformational leader who is committed to ensuring we significantly improve educational opportunities and outcomes for students in JSEP schools by focusing on excellence, accountability, and data-driven decision-making.”

Pogue has over 20 years of experience in the education field. She is a graduate of Howard University and started her career as a librarian in the D.C. Public School System. In 2004, she was hired by MSDE and served as Librarian, Lead Teacher, and Teacher Supervisor at the Charles H. Hickey Jr. School. In the spring of 2008, Pogue was named Acting Principal at the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center (BCJJC), a position made permanent in October of the same year. For the past 8 years, she has served in the same role at the Alfred D. Noyes Children’s Center, a detention facility located in Montgomery County. Pogue holds dual Masters in Library Science from Catholic University and Educational Leadership from Trinity University. Her current certifications include Administrator I and II, Special Education K-12, and Media Specialist.

“I am honored and humbled to be selected as the Superintendent of the Juvenile Services Education Program,” said Superintendent Pogue. “In my 20 years of experience as an educator, I have had the privilege of working with many passionate educators, committed to providing the best possible education to students. I look forward to bringing that passion and commitment to my work with the board, our students and their families, and all stakeholders associated with JSEP. My goal is to bring everyone associated with JSEP together to share perspectives, overcome barriers, and achieve equitable outcomes for every student we have the honor of serving.”

The Superintendent will have an opportunity to improve educational opportunities, choices, and quality of instruction for children committed to DJS operated juvenile justice settings in Maryland. She 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. Pogue will start her new role on December 29, 2021.

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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 JSEP Board. According to the terms of Senate Bill 497, the JSEP Board is housed within DJS.

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](#).

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