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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Nancy S. Grasmick, State Superintendent of Schools
DATE: August 25, 2009
SUBJECT: 2009 High School Assessment Results

PURPOSE:

To provide Board members with current information on the progress with data processing and preliminary data on the statewide results of the High School Assessment (HSA) requirement status of students in the Class of 2009.

BACKGROUND:

The Class of 2009 was the first group of students needing to meet the HSA requirement in order to graduate with a Maryland diploma. The State Board received several status reports during the 2008-2009 school year reflecting the progress of 2008-2009 seniors toward meeting high school graduation requirements, with particular emphasis on the HSA requirement. This report will provide an overview of the on-going data validation process and a summary of data available.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Initial data files were due to MSDE on July 17. The accuracy of these data files is crucial because they are also used to determine Adequate Yearly Progress status for high schools. Validation programs were run against the files and error reports were sent to local school systems for correction. Statewide results are dependent on having valid data from all school systems. We are awaiting receipt of corrected data files from all local systems and anticipate that some analyses will be completed by August 25 for presentation and discussion by the Board. Beginning in August and over the next several months we will be analyzing data and providing it to the Board for discussion. Information will include a detailed breakdown of how students met the HSA requirement, the status of the Class of 2010 as of June, graduation and drop out data, high school Adequate Yearly Progress and more.

ACTION:

For information only, no action required.

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