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A banner for the ASBO Connects quarterly newsletter. The background features a modern school building at sunset with orange maple leaves in the foreground. The MD ASBO logo is in the top left. The main title 'ASBO CONNECTS' is in large white and gold letters, with 'QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER' below it. Three icons (people, bar chart, book) represent 'EQUIP.', 'IMPROVE.', and 'PROVIDE.'. A bottom bar says 'STRONGER SCHOOLS. STRONGER COMMUNITIES.' and a leaf icon contains the text 'Leadership and Professional Development are our business.'

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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A banner for the 75th Annual Fall Conference. The background shows a city skyline at sunset with orange maple leaves. The MD ASBO logo is in the top left. The main title '75TH ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE' is in large white and gold letters. Below it are three icons (people, bar chart, book) for 'EQUIP.', 'IMPROVE.', and 'PROVIDE.'. A bottom bar says 'STRONGER SCHOOLS. STRONGER COMMUNITIES.'. The bottom section is divided into four boxes: 'RETURNING EXHIBITORS: SEPTEMBER 9, 2026', 'REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPTEMBER 21, 2026', 'CONFERENCE DATE: NOVEMBER 6TH 2026', and 'PROGRAM COMING SOON DETAILS TO FOLLOW'. The location is 'MARTIN'S WEST BALTIMORE, MARYLAND'. The footer says 'LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ARE OUR BUSINESS.' with leaf icons.

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Welcome,
Shirlene Ogburn!

MD ASBO is pleased to welcome Shirlene A. Ogburn, SHRM-CP, as Executive Director. Shirlene brings a strong commitment to service, collaboration, and supporting Maryland's school business community as the Association enters its next chapter.

As she begins her leadership with MD ASBO, Shirlene looks forward to connecting with members, Strategic Partners, and education leaders across the state while continuing to strengthen the programs, professional development, and relationships that make the Association a valuable resource to Maryland's school business professionals.



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LEADERSHIP
Guiding our Association into the future.
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COLLABORATION
Building strong partnerships that support our members.
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SERVICE
Committed to serving Maryland's school business professionals.



[SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL](#)

For over 74 years, MD ASBO members have cultivated a thriving community rooted in shared knowledge and growth. Now more than ever, it's time to plant new ideas, nurture innovation, and inspire others to grow.

We invite you to start thinking about the knowledge, experiences, and thought-provoking ideas you can share to help others grow, because when you grow, we all grow.

Interested in presenting at the 2027 Spring Conference?

MD ASBO is beginning to plan for Spring 2027, and we encourage members and partners to consider submitting a presentation proposal. **Additional proposal information and submission details will be coming soon.**



SCHOOL BUSINESS NEWS

From ASBO International's School Business Daily



TECHNOLOGY & FINANCE

ESSER Funds Are Gone: Here's How K-12 IT Leaders Replace Them

With one-time ESSER funding exhausted, school systems face the challenge of sustaining technology investments through recurring budgets. From device replacement and infrastructure to E-rate, managed services, and measurable return on investment, the shift requires closer coordination between technology and school business leaders.

 Source: [EdTech Magazine](#)

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WEBINAR

Maryland FAMLI Deadlines Are Approaching — Is Your District Ready?



TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER, 15



TIME:
10:00 AM ET

Maryland FAMLI Deadlines Are Approaching — Is Your District Ready?

With Maryland Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) contributions starting in January, school districts have important decisions to make in the months ahead. Join American Fidelity Assurance Company to learn about upcoming deadlines, contribution requirements, and the critical considerations surrounding private plan elections.

This webinar will help district leaders prepare for the next phase of implementation as 2027 effective dates approach.

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SCHOOL BUSINESS NEWS



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Universal Free School Meal Participation Hits Record, But Growth Slows

A record 55,362 U.S. schools participated in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) during the 2025–26 school year, allowing 27.6 million children to attend schools offering free meals to all students regardless of family income. While participation reached a new high, growth has slowed, and changes to SNAP eligibility could affect schools' future eligibility for CEP beginning in the 2026–27 school year.

 Source: *FoodService Director*

Why It Matters

School nutrition decisions reach far beyond the cafeteria. Changes in federal eligibility requirements can influence district budgets, operations, and access for students and families. As the landscape continues to evolve, school business leaders should be aware of how these changes may affect their communities.

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Legislature to Revisit Alternate Vehicle Regulation Verbiage in COMAR

(courtesy of Gabe Rose of MSDE)

House Bill 72 of 2021 allowed all LEAs to use vehicles other than school buses and taxis to transport students to and from school. This Bill passed and was enacted July 1, 2021

Included as part of the bill is a sunset clause for July 1, 2026. If no legislation is passed during the 2026 Legislative Session cementing it into permanent Law, then the law reverts back to the version that existed prior to 2021. This reverting back would now require that all LEAs submit waivers to MSDE to use alternative school vehicles and the MSDE would need to determine if the prohibition of to and from school would be put back into effect.

The reason for the sunset clause in the original bill was due to some legislators worried that the use of Alternative School vehicles would cause small

covering more contracted routes. This has not seemed to be the case so far so it is likely that the law could become permanent. After the MSDE receives verification on the final version of the law, we will look to amend the regulations based on feedback over the past 5 years and some new standards that have been adopted by the NCST.

"What did you do in school today?"

Do you remember your parents asking you this when you were in school? You would often reply, "Nothing" even though you always did something. Well, I'm asking you, "What did you do at work today?" I know it wasn't nothing. I'm sure that this year you have done something of merit. Please consider sharing this with your Membership by applying to the Brice and Shirley Phillips best practice award. You can find the information here.



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Need to Find Cooperative Contracts to Piggyback?

GOVMVMT has new contracts for:

(MRO) Maintenance Repair and Operating Supplies, Industrial Supplies from HD Supply, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Equipment, Translation Services and Interpretation Management Systems.

Find these here, <https://www.govmvmmt.org/contracts/>

GOVMVMT also have active solicitations for Cardio and Strength Training Equipment, and an Online Marketplace.



Learn More About the MD ASBO Strategic Partner Program



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Check out the Career Center!

As a Maryland ASBO member you can: search posted job openings; submit an opening (you must be signed in to your account for this option to appear); subscribe to receive an email alert when a new opening is posted!

If you need help with this member benefit email
jwesley@asbo.org



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Until Next Time...

“Leadership and Professional Development are our business.”

Thank you for all you do to support Maryland's schools and the communities they serve.

We'll see you in the next edition of *ASBO Connects*.



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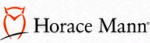
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