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## **THE BOAST MARYLAND FORUM**

**October 6, 2009**

*-Sponsored by the BOAST Maryland Coalition-*

- Who:** Principals, teachers, parents, business leaders and other supporters  
All are welcome!
- What:** Statewide forum on the [BOAST Maryland Tax Credit](#)
- Introductory remarks and a discussion of BOAST
  - Formation of small groups for training and brainstorming
  - Wrap-up of the day's events with closing remarks
  - Complimentary lunch and networking
- Where:** Presidential Conference Center, Miller Office Building, Annapolis, MD
- When:** **Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
- Why:** To advocate effectively for the [BOAST Maryland Tax Credit](#) legislation
- RSVP:** Registration required by September 29, 2009 at [www.mdcatcon.org](http://www.mdcatcon.org)

### **Our Students, Teachers, and Schools Need BOAST Now!**

The passage of the BOAST legislation is particularly important now--both public and private schools face increasing expenses and budget cuts. Without an increase in scholarship assistance, students whose families cannot afford rising tuition at nonpublic schools will be redirected into public schools, at an increased per-pupil cost of more than \$11,500 to taxpayers. There are more than 131,000 Maryland students enrolled in nonpublic schools that provide a savings of over \$1.5 billion annually to the state - a savings the state needs now more than ever. In this difficult economy, however, many nonpublic schools and enrichment programs are struggling; some even have been forced to close. The BOAST Maryland Tax Credit would relieve the pressure on families and schools by encouraging business investment in local education. This legislation would give businesses an income tax credit in exchange for their donations to nonprofit organizations that provide scholarships to nonpublic schools, enrichment programs for public schools, and grants to teachers for continuing education.

### **BOAST Urgently Needs Your Involvement and Support!**

The BOAST Maryland Tax Credit is gaining momentum, but we need to expand our Coalition and get all of our supporters to encourage the Maryland General Assembly to pass the BOAST Maryland Tax Credit in 2010. Help us engage individuals who have not been involved or informed in this important initiative. *Share this invitation with coworkers, friends and neighbors, and bring a friend to the BOAST Maryland Forum.*

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