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## **DEAN ERTWINE TO SUCCEED JUNE STRECKFUS AS MARYLAND BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE FOR EDUCATION'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*Retired Brigadier General to Lead MBRT at the Start of the New Year*

**Baltimore, MD** – The Maryland Business Roundtable for Education (MBRT), a nonprofit coalition of leading employers working to support education reform and improve student achievement, today announced that, after a comprehensive national search process, the MBRT Board of Directors names retired Brigadier General Dean Ertwine as the organization's next Executive Director.

Educated at West Point and Lehigh University with degrees in engineering and chemistry, Dr. Ertwine concluded his distinguished military career in 2002 as Commanding General of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Since then, he served for 12 years as Vice President at Battelle, the world's largest nonprofit research and development organization.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to become a part of such an effective, respected organization and I look forward to impacting the lives of Maryland's youth," said Ertwine. "MBRT is at an exciting place in the growth of the organization, and I am excited to work with the business community, students, parents, and schools to build relationships and take the organization into the future."

On January 1, 2015, Ertwine succeeds June Streckfus, MBRT's founding executive director, who steps down after 23 years of service to Maryland's business community, educators and students. During Streckfus' leadership, MBRT has grown ten-fold, been recognized nationally as a model for business/education collaboration, created the nation's most robust statewide STEM Innovation Network, and has impacted the academic and career decisions and actions of more than one million Maryland students.

"I am convinced that Dean Ertwine is the right person at the right time to take MBRT to a new level of contribution and accomplishment," says Streckfus. "His obvious leadership skills and his personal passion for education and ensuring that our students and future workforce are internationally competitive will create a groundswell of support among all stakeholders for the important work MBRT is doing to strengthen STEM teaching and learning."

According to current MBRT Chair, Gloria Flach, President of Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems, "The MBRT Board of Directors faced a difficult task in finding an Executive Director candidate we believed could continue to develop the organization as June Streckfus has done so successfully over the past 23 years. In Dean Ertwine, we believe we have found a great fit for the position. Dean's impressive background in, and passion for, the subjects of science, technology, engineering and math will prove valuable as he is tasked with continuing the growth of the organization and its mission of ensuring that students graduate from high school well-prepared for college and their future in the workforce."

As Executive Director, Ertwine will be responsible for continuing Streckfus' legacy of working in partnership to better Maryland's education system and preparing the state's youth for the next steps in their lives. Founded in 1992, the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education is the only statewide business organization solely dedicated to improving education and student achievement and ensuring that students graduate from high school well-prepared to succeed in college and the workforce.

**About MBRT:**

Founded in 1992, MBRT is a non-profit coalition of leading employers that have made a long-term commitment to support education reform and improve student achievement in Maryland. For more information, visit [www.mbrt.org](http://www.mbrt.org).

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