

Joint Resolution Signed to Advance Equity in Public Safety, Education and Health in St. Mary's County

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LEONARDTOWN, Md. – Yesterday, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, St Mary's County Public Schools and the St. Mary's County Health Department signed a Joint Resolution to Advance Equity in St. Mary's County. Sheriff Tim Cameron, Health Officer Dr. Meeena Brewster and Superintendent of Public Schools Dr. Scott Smith launched a multi-sector Equity Task Force to examine the issues of opportunity, access and equity in our county.

Public health, public education and public safety are interlocking components of our community, and their commitment to equity and racial justice impacts the lives of all citizens directly and indirectly. Equity is the absence of disparities among groups of people that would have otherwise arisen because of their socioeconomic status, geographical area, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender or racial/ethnic group.

"We have the power, together, as a community to take meaningful steps to address equity and racial justice," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer.

"In working together, our agencies are working toward eliminating barriers to ensure access and opportunity," Sheriff Cameron said.

"I am proud to work together with the conviction and dedication of the Sheriff's Office and the Health Department to lead by bringing people together for this important work," stated Dr. J. Scott Smith, Superintendent of Schools.

The Equity Task Force agencies will collaborate in implementing organizational changes and community initiatives that promote equitable outcomes in health, education and public safety. Task Force partners will also conduct a comprehensive review of their respective institutions' policies and practices from the lens of Equity.

Joint Press Release:

St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office

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St. Mary's County Health Department

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