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5th Annual Maryland Charter School Conference

“Strengthening Maryland Public Education Through Charter Schools”

Kevin Johnson, Founder, of St. HOPE Public Schools and former NBA All Star will deliver the Keynote address during the *5th Annual Maryland Charter School Conference* on October 19, 2007 at the Sojourner-Douglass College in Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Johnson is a National charter school movement leader who has developed an innovative public charter school model.

St. HOPE Public Schools is a K-12 independent public charter school district comprised of six small schools. St. HOPE Public Schools provide Oak Park, California youth with an excellent public school education, for free.

Approximately 300 attendees and vendors are expected to participate in this **free** event, which is hosted by the Maryland Charter School Network. The conference will offer sessions that share strategies and best practices. A complimentary continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

MCSN is a non-partisan, nonprofit, statewide organization whose mission is to promote and serve the Maryland charter school movement. For more information about the conference or Maryland Charter School Network, please call 301-249-0182 or visit

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