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Senator McCray and CollegeBound Expand 2024 Apprenticeship Tour

Baltimore, MD – Maryland State Senator Cory McCray and the CollegeBound Foundation are proud to announce the significant expansion of their annual Apprenticeship Tour. Now in its sixth year, the tour has grown to include students from ten schools across Baltimore City, nearly doubling the number of participants from last year. On Wednesday, November 20th, over 90 students will explore career opportunities in skilled trades through visits to three premier training sites.

Participating schools represent a diverse array of Baltimore communities from east to west.

<i>Reach Partnership School</i>	<i>Achievement Academy</i>
<i>Paul Laurence Dunbar High School</i>	<i>Ben Franklin High School</i>
<i>City Neighbors High School</i>	<i>Patterson High School</i>
<i>National Academy Foundation</i>	<i>Carver Vo-Tec High School</i>
<i>Reginald F. Lewis High School</i>	<i>BRAVE High School</i>

This growth reflects the increasing recognition of apprenticeship programs as an essential pathway for students seeking alternatives to traditional college routes. Starting at 9:30 a.m., students will tour the Plumbers and Steamfitters Apprenticeship, the Operating Engineers Local #37 Training School, and the Baltimore Electrical JATC Local 24.

Senator McCray, a journeyman electrician, emphasized the importance of exposing young people to such opportunities. “A four-year college isn’t for everyone, but every student deserves the chance to discover fulfilling and prosperous career options. Expanding this tour ensures more students can see what’s possible,” said McCray.

Mario Clark, Associate Program Director of High Schools at the CollegeBound Foundation, highlighted the tour’s growing impact. “Last year, 54 students joined us – our largest group ever. This year, we’ve almost doubled that number to 91, showing just how much interest there is in apprenticeships as a valuable path to success,” said Clark.

The event coincides with National Apprenticeship Week (NAW), which celebrates the role of apprenticeship programs in advancing equity, empowering communities, and strengthening the economy.

Members of the press are welcome to attend. For more information or to RSVP, please use the contact information above.

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Cory McCray represents East and Northeast Baltimore in the Maryland State Senate

Tour Schedule

First Stop:

Plumbers and Steamfitters Apprenticeship School
1201 66th Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21237
Arrive 9:30 a.m. | Depart 10:45 a.m.

Second Stop:

Operating Engineers Local #37 Training School
5021 North Point Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21219
Arrive: 11:00 a.m. | Depart: 12:15 p.m. (15-minute drive)

Final Stop:

Baltimore Electrical JATC Local 24
2699 West Patapsco Avenue, Halethorpe, Maryland 21230
Arrive: 1:00 p.m. | Depart: 3:00 p.m. (30-minute drive)