



Humbled to Move Forward and Continue Supporting and Adding Value to Others

S. Dallas Dance, President and CEO of The DDance Group, Inc. released the following statement in response to request for comment by Ann Costantino of *The Baltimore Post*.

“I do not believe that anyone is interested in continuing to rehash the past. I have the utmost respect and admiration for State Superintendents Drs. Lane and Salmon, of Virginia and Maryland respectively, and I wholeheartedly respect their position and their decisions.

As I look to the future, I move deliberately and passionately as I aim to ensure the promise I made to the hundreds of thousands of students, families, employees, and others whom I have served throughout my career in front of Judge Cox is carried out with purpose and is kept. To that end, I will continue to do everything in my power to ensure that a lifetime of striving to live with integrity would outweigh a bad decision and unfortunate lapse in judgement. While most people wish to not discuss their mistakes and failures, I will as I believe that those who persevere from adversity possess a spirit of humility and are therefore inclined to make the necessary changes needed to not only learn but, most importantly, grow.

I am excited about the work ahead where I and my team are able to assist people from all industries accomplish their biggest goals and solve their toughest challenges. This is in addition to utilizing various platforms to build a community of leaders who serve, help, and grow each other across various sectors. Lastly, I would encourage anyone who wants to know the genuine respect, adoration, and admiration that I have for the Baltimore County community to read the ‘Acknowledgements’ in my book. The first paragraph of those words is below and ring true deep in my heart, then as well as now.”

Acknowledgements

For five years, I was extremely fortunate to serve as the Superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools in Towson, Maryland, which is located adjacent to the City of Baltimore. Those years were by far the best of my professional life. I led the organization from my heart believing that we could move mountains, and while not literally, we began tackling some large complex issues, which will take time, effort, energy, and commitment to realize its full impact. The strides we made, which garnered us numerous national, state, and local awards were due to the dedication of our teachers, principals, staff, parents, community leaders, and especially our students who rose to the high standards we set for them each day. As this book is about three main areas of my work as Superintendent, I want to personally take the opportunity to thank the entire Team BCPS family for everything you did and continue to do for the students of Baltimore County.