

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, A thorough analysis of Maryland public education funding has been conducted by the Commission on Education, Finance, Equity, and Excellence; and
- WHEREAS, The Commission's report to the Governor and the General Assembly has recommended over \$1.1 billion of additional state support for local public education; and
- WHEREAS, This Commission, the State Board of Education, and the Board of Education of Baltimore County have strongly endorsed and requested necessary state funding in the investment of early childhood programming; and
- WHEREAS, The Executive Budget request to the General Assembly has, as yet, not reflected the major recommendations of the Thornton Commission; and
- WHEREAS, The current fiscal year's budget contains \$5 million of funding for non-public education; and
- WHEREAS, It is commonly reported by members of the Maryland General Assembly that they supported this non-public assistance as a one-time grant in aid; and
- WHEREAS, The Governor's current request to the General Assembly is for an additional \$5 million; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Board of Education of Baltimore County, request that the Governor fully fund the current unmet needs of local public education throughout the state; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Board of Education of Baltimore County, express our opposition to the Governor's current request for additional funding for non-public Education.

Donald L. Arnold, President

Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

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