

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: April 24, 2007

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **LEGISLATION UPDATE**

ORIGINATOR: Dr. Donald A. Peccia Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
and Governmental Relations

**RESOURCE
PERSON(S):**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education receive the 2007 General Assembly Legislative Report.

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**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
KEY SCHOOL LEGISLATION
April 24, 2007**

REVISED UPDATES LEGISLATION

(*Status as of 4/17/2007)

- Support Continued full-funding of the Bridge to Excellence (Thornton)

The Governor's budget recommends full funding of Thornton for FY08. No funds were included for the Geographic Cost of Education Index (GCEI), although SB109 and HB391 call for a phase-in of the GCEI beginning either this year (HB391) or in 2009 (SB109). **Both bills died in Committee.**

- Support considerable increases in capital funding that are appropriate and proportional to the needs of Baltimore County.

The Governor has proposed a total of \$400 million for school construction. Distribution amounts will not be available until late March. Enhancement in funds for Aging Schools is being questioned. The enhancement is only about \$1.2 million, Baltimore County could get almost \$780,000 of the enhancements if adopted.

- Discourage legislation that could adversely impact the ability of the Board of Education and the Superintendent to fulfill the mission of the school system.

HB71 – Baltimore County – Board of Education – Elected Members (Cross-Filed with SB82)

Establishing a procedure for the election of specified members of the Baltimore County Board of Education; requiring the elected members of the County Board to reside in and be elected from specified districts; establishing the term of office for the elected members and for their removal under specified circumstances; providing a procedure for filling a vacancy for an elected member; providing for the election of the chair and vice chair of the County Board; providing for the compensation of the members of the County Board; etc.

Board of Education position:

Oppose

*Status: **Died in Committee**

HB317 – Student Health and Fitness Act of 2007 (Cross-Filed with SB244)

Requiring that public school students in kindergarten through grade 5 be provided a specified minimum level of a program of physical education each week; requiring an increasing minimum level of a program of physical education over a period of 4 school years; requiring that the program of physical education be consistent with a student's Individualized Education Plan if applicable; etc.

Board of Education position: No Position

*Status: House – Unfavorable Report

HB1079 - Education - Collective Bargaining - Public School Labor Relations Board

Establishing a Public School Labor Relations Board; specifying the manner of appointment, membership, duties, and responsibilities of the Board; providing for staffing of the Board; authorizing the Board to adopt and enforce certain regulations, guidelines, and policies; permitting the Board to petition a circuit court to seek enforcement of an order of the Board; and providing that a hearing and determination under the Act is a contested case.

Board of Education position: Oppose

*Status: House – Unfavorable Report

SB79 – Baltimore County – Board of Education – Membership

Requiring the appointment of the members of the Baltimore County Board of Education made by the Governor to be with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland and requiring the composition of the membership of the Board to reflect the demographic composition of the student population in the county.

Board of Education position: No Position

*Status: Senate – Unfavorable Report

SB82 – Baltimore County – Board of Education – Elected Members (Cross-Filed with HB71)

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Board of Education position: Oppose

*Status: Died in Committee

SB99 – Education – Baltimore County Board of Education – School Board Nominating Convention of Baltimore County

Altering the appointment process for specified members of the Baltimore County Board of Education to require the Governor to select a member from a list of nominees submitted by the School Board Nominating Convention of Baltimore County; requiring the list of nominees to contain a specified number of names; and specifying that members of the County Board be residents of the County.

Board of Education position: Support

*Status: Senate – Unfavorable Report

SB244 – Student Health Fitness Act of 2007 (Cross-Filed with HB317)

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Board of Education position: Oppose

*Status: Died in Committee