

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: November 7, 2012

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF THE RESOLUTION REGARDING SEQUESTRATION**

ORIGINATOR: Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq., President

RESOURCE PERSON(S): Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esq., Counsel to the Board of Education

INFORMATION

That the Board of Education approves the resolution regarding sequestration.

Attachment I – Resolution

Board of Education of Baltimore County

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

- WHEREAS, A world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today's school children; and
- WHEREAS, The Congressional Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts to almost all federal programs including education that would become effective January 2, 2013; and
- WHEREAS, These across-the-board budget cuts would impact school districts during the 2013-14 school year, ~~with the exception of the Impact Aid program, with which a reduction would become effective this school year;~~ and
- WHEREAS, These across-the-board budget cuts, also known as sequestration, would impact education by a reduction in funds of 7 to 9 percent at a national level and would impact BCPS special education funding levels and programs funded at Title I schools; and
- WHEREAS, Sequestration would impact almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and more; and
- WHEREAS, ~~The Baltimore County Public Schools, as well as other~~ public schools, would be impacted nationwide by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss from just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants, and Head Start – that serve a combined 30.7 million children; and
- WHEREAS, Federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011, and state and local funding for education continues to be impacted by budget cuts and lower local property tax revenues; and
- WHEREAS, States and local governments have very limited capacity to absorb further budget cuts from sequestration, as the Baltimore County Public School System has already implemented cuts-cost saving measures commensurate with state and local budget conditions; and now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq.
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