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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Nancy S. Grasmick *Nancy*  
**DATE:** January 27-28, 2009  
**RE:** Baltimore City Public School System Annual Report

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**PURPOSE**

The Baltimore City Public School System will present the 2008 Annual Report.

**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with Section 4-313 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, by December 31 of each year, the Chief Executive Officer and the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall issue an annual report that includes:

- (1) A financial statement;
- (2) A comprehensive accounting of progress in the implementation of the Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS) Master Plan, including an assessment of student performance;
- (3) Sources of income and payments of debt service on any bonds issued by the Board;
- (4) Anticipated sources and amounts of payments of debt service on any bonds issued by the Board; and
- (5) Any other information as required by State law.

Additionally, the State Board of Education and State Superintendent of Schools shall review each annual report and comment on the progress made towards achieving both managerial and educational goals. The comments are to be provided to the General Assembly before it approves the State budget.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Baltimore City Public School System 2008 Annual Report was received by the December 31 deadline, as required by Section 4-313 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Following the Baltimore City Public School System presentation of the report, Maryland State Department of Education staff and I will prepare comments to be forwarded to the General Assembly concerning managerial and educational progress made during the past year. The comments will be based upon a review of the contents of the annual report, as well as additional information gathered during the course of the last twelve months.

I am providing the following pertinent portions of the BCPSS 2008 Annual Report for your review: foreword; content summary, financial statements, and master plan executive summary. The entire BCPSS 2008 Annual Report is available for review, upon request.

**ACTION**

For Information Only

Attachment