



**Bernard J. Sadusky, Ed.D.**  
**Interim State Superintendent of Schools**

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December 8, 2011

Mr. Ronald H. Fithian, President  
Kent County Board of County Commissioners  
Kent County Government Center  
400 High Street  
Chestertown, MD 21620

**NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT**

Dear Mr. Fithian:

On December 5, 2011, the Superintendent of Kent County Public Schools, Dr. A. Barbara Wheeler, filed a Maintenance of Effort Certification Statement (Attached) with the Maryland State Department of Education. Pursuant to Education Article §5-213 and based on the dollar amounts reflected on the certificate, I find that Kent County is not in compliance with its FY 2012 maintenance of effort requirement. Specifically, the maintenance of effort level amount for FY 2012 is \$16,946,646. Kent County failed to meet that target. Dr. Wheeler has certified that the net local appropriation was \$16,128,112.

If the county disputes this finding of noncompliance, it may send to me within 30 days of the issuance of this notice of memorandum setting forth the basis for disputing this finding. I will refer the matter to the State Board of Education which will make the final determination.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bernard J. Sadusky, Ed. D.  
Interim State Superintendent of Schools

Attachment

C: Dr. A. Barbara Wheeler  
James DeGraffenreidt  
Anthony South  
Elizabeth M. Kameen

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT  
STATE SHARE OF THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012**

Education Article Section 5-202 (b) through (d) requires that to be eligible to receive State Share of the Foundation Program the following must be met:

**A. Minimum Share ( local wealth x local contribution rate)  
from Foundation Program Calculation for Fiscal Year 2012** \$ 10,595,405

**B The product of Enrollment for the current fiscal year and the  
local appropriation on a per pupil basis for the prior fiscal year**

Fiscal Year 2011 Highest Local Appropriation \* to the School  
Operating Budget

17,154,835 ✓

Divided by

FTE Enrollment as of 9-30-2009 for Fiscal Year 2011

2,060.00

Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriation Per Student

8327.59 ✓

Multiplied by

FTE Enrollment as of 9-30-2010 for Fiscal Year 2012

2,035.00

Equals

**Maintenance of Effort Level**

16,946,646 ✓

In accordance with the above requirements of the Acts of the General Assembly,  
I hereby certify that the above information is correct and that \$ 16,128,112 ✓  
is the Net Local Appropriation\* that will be provided to the Kent  
County Board of Education from County sources beginning July 1, 2011

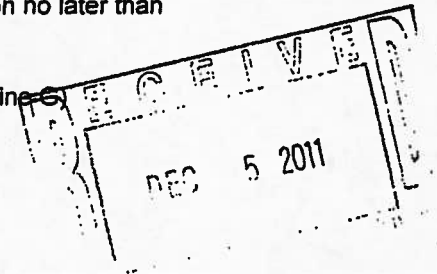
*A Barbara St. Steele*

Signature of the Superintendent of Schools

12/5/2011  
Date

This Certification is to be submitted to the Maryland State Department of Education no later than  
December 5, 2011

\* See other side for instructions to meet this requirement (amounts shown from line 6)



**ADJUSTMENTS TO LOCAL APPROPRIATION  
Kent**

	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>
A. Operating Budget Appropriation	\$ 17,154,835	\$ 16,128,112
Plus:		
B. Supplemental Appropriations *	—	
C. Total Appropriation ( A+ B )	<u>\$ 17,154,835</u>	<u>\$ 16,128,112</u>
Less:		
D. Approved** Nonrecurring Costs		
1 Qualifying Exclusion	—	—
2 _____	—	—
3 _____	—	—
4 _____	—	—
Total Supplemental & Nonrecurring Costs	\$ -	\$ -
E. Program Shifts Between County and Board Budgets *		
1 _____	—	—
2 _____	—	—
3 _____	—	—
Total Program Shifts	\$ -	\$ -
F. Other Reconciling Items*		
G. Net Local Appropriation (C-D-E-F)	<u>\$ 17,154,835</u>	<u>\$ 16,128,112</u>

\* Provide detail separately

\*\* Allowable to the extent that the Appropriation exceeds the minimum Maintenance of Effort Level.

