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March 31, 2010

Anthony South, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Education
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Mr. South:

This letter is submitted in accordance with the Maryland State Board of Education's news release, dated March 24, 2010, related to the process by which Counties can submit requests for waivers of the maintenance of effort (MOE) funding requirement for their local education agencies.

The Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, in conjunction with the support of the Board of Education of Dorchester County, intends to respectfully request a waiver of maintenance of effort for Fiscal Year 2011 amounting to \$350,786. Compliance with section 5-202 of the Education Article of the Maryland Annotated Code requires funding for Fiscal Year 2011 of \$17,385,603. The waiver represents 2.02% of that amount.

The Council understands the General Assembly is considering changes to the maintenance of effort laws and consequently would request the right to amend this waiver request if any substantive changes are enacted. Nevertheless the Council looks forward to presenting this request to the State Board at the earliest possible meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay L. Newcomb", is written over a horizontal line.

Jay L. Newcomb
President of Council
Dorchester County, Maryland

CC: Superintendent of Dorchester County Public Schools
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