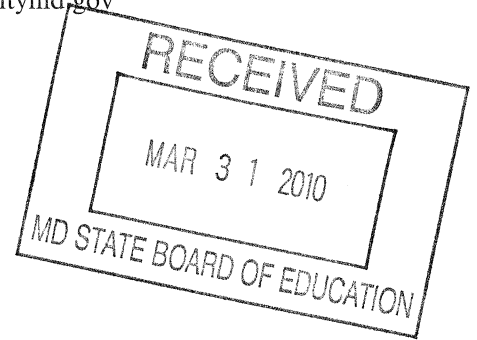


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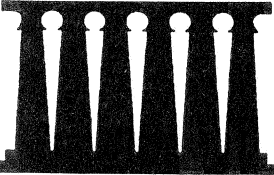
Dear Mr. South:

After considerable budgetary analysis, and much thoughtful study, the Board of County Commissioners for Frederick County hereby requests a waiver of Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for FY 2011 (Md. Annotated Code, Education Article, § 5-202 and COMAR 13A.02.05.04). The County revenues simply will not be sufficient to fund the full MOE level in FY 2011.

The amount of the requested waiver is \$4,600,000. The percentage of the total MOE amount this waiver request represents is 2.09%. The FY 2011 MOE requirement as calculated by the Maryland State Department of Education is \$219,866,059.

As specified in the "MSDE Announcement: April 1, 2010 MOE Waiver Request Filing," (copy attached) we understand that this is all of the information required for an FY 2011 MOE Waiver Request at this time. The State Board will be announcing the FY 2011 MOE waiver process and the deadlines that will apply after legislative enactment of any changes to the MOE process and substance.

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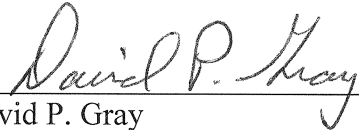
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If our understanding is incorrect in any way or if any additional information is required for this MOE waiver request, please let me or County Attorney John Mathias (301-600-1031) know at once.

Sincerely,

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