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TO: Members of the Maryland State Board of Education
FROM: Nancy S. Grasmick *Nancy*
RE: Legislative Update
DATE: December 17-18, 2008

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to give an overview of the process and procedures used by the Maryland State Department of Education in determining legislative positions. Also, a brief forecast on issues that will be pending before the 2009 session of the Maryland General Assembly will be presented.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

I have asked Ms. Renee Spence to briefly update the members of the State Board of Education on the following items:

Dates of Interest/2009 Session

- January 14 – General Assembly Convenes
- January 21 – Final date for Governor to introduce the budget bill
- January 29 – Governor delivers the State of the State Address
- February 22 – 40th day “Green Bag” appointments (delivered on Friday, February 20, 2009)
- April 13 – Adjournment – “SINE DIE”

Process and Procedures

Process and procedures used by the Maryland State Department of Education program liaisons to establish positions as well as the Department’s required policies with the Governor’s legislative office.

Status/Recommendations from 2008 Task Forces

- Multiple Suspensions
- Heritage Language Skills
- Education Issues Affecting Military Children
- Financial Literacy

Legislative Issues:

School Safety	Boast Tax Credit	Labor Relations Board
Compulsory Age of Attendance	RICA Funding	
Children’s Health Insurance Program	Virtual Learning Opportunities	
Anaphalytic Allergies	Improved Screening Practices for Autism	
Quality Child Care Ratings	Adult Education Transition Issues	

ACTION:

For information only. No action required.