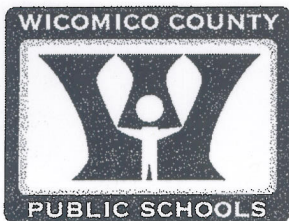


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Mr. Anthony South, Executive Director
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200 West Baltimore Street
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RE: Wicomico County Maintenance of Effort Waiver Request Response

Dear Mr. South:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the waiver requested by Wicomico County for fiscal year '13. The Wicomico County Board of Education sincerely wishes to support our local government and have demonstrated this in multiple ways over the years. However, the current waiver request is inconsistent with current State law. As it is our responsibility to comply with State law and to look after the long-term interests and support for our students, we must hereby notify the Maryland State Board of Education that we cannot support the Wicomico County Maintenance of Effort Waiver Request.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the request. If there are other questions or opportunities to respond on this, please let us know immediately and we will respond expeditiously.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Ron Willey, President
Wicomico County Board of Education