




Maryland State Board of Education

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TO: Wicomico County Council
Wicomico County Board of Education and Superintendent
Wicomico County Education Association
Wicomico County Association of Public School Administrators

FROM: Anthony South 

DATE: April 27, 2012

SUBJECT: MOE Waiver Request: Wicomico County

Notice of Public Hearing
Request for Additional Information

A public hearing on the Waiver Request is scheduled for May 22, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the 7th floor Board Room of the Nancy S. Grasmick State Education Building, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. At the public hearing, the County government and the local board each will be given 10 minutes to present the most salient and relevant facts and argument in support of its position. All other parties will be given 5 minutes to present their views. It is expected that each party will select one individual to present the oral argument on behalf of his/her party. Other representatives of the party presenting testimony may be seated at the testimony table to assist with exhibits and/or other materials as necessary, but may not present testimony. Each party is to provide the State Board with the name of the person who will present oral argument by Friday, May 18, 2012.

Prior to the public hearing and by close of business May 9, 2012, the MOE parties are asked to provide the State Board with written responses to the following questions:

1. If the State Board decides to grant the requested waiver, what would be the practical/concrete consequences of the reduction of funds to the public school system?

Specifically:

- a. The impact on personnel: How many teachers, principals, etc. positions would be eliminated?
- b. The impact on services, such as the degradation of classroom instruction, course offerings, etc.?

2. If the State Board decides to deny the waiver request, and the public school system receives the funding required to meet MOE, what would be the county's plan for balancing the county budget?

Specifically:

a. Does the county plan to raise the tax rate, or levy new taxes?

b. Does the county plan to reduce/eliminate other public services? Which services would be reduced/eliminated?

The written responses to these questions are to be submitted either electronically or in hard copy by 5:00 p.m., May 9, 2012. Please submit to:

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