

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The Honorable Bernard C. "Jack" Young
President, Baltimore City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: Position Statement
City Council Bill (Resolution) 12-0058R

Dear Council President Young:

On July 16, 2012 the Baltimore City Council introduced the above-captioned resolution, regarding a request that the city's five largest agencies sponsor two recreation centers each to continue operations of recreation centers slated for closure or private partnerships after the 2012 summer season.

Although Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) is not among the agencies listed in the resolution, five of our schools are already involved in supporting recreational activities throughout the city. The participating schools are Barclay Elementary/Middle (working with Greater Homewood Community Corporation and Johns Hopkins University); Digital Harbor High School (working with Ed Tech and the Jewish Community Center); Leith Walk Elementary (working with We Imagine); Liberty Elementary (working with Child First and Senior Corps); and Walter P. Carter Elementary/Middle (working with the Basketball League).

Participating schools provide space and programming for a range of after-school programs run by the above-listed community organizations. City Schools will continue to support such efforts to offer safe recreational activities after school whenever possible.

Thank you for inviting us to participate in this process.

Sincerely,



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