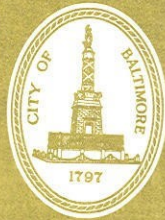


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Honorable President Bernard Young
Members of the City Council
Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street
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RE: **Council Bill # 09-0167R**
Baltimore City Public Schools – Are Current Physical Education Requirements
Enough?

Dear President Young:

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks **supports** City Council Bill # 09-0167R for the purpose of requesting the CEO, the Director of The Office of Curriculum and Instruction, and the Education Specialist for Physical Education and Athletics of the Baltimore City Public School System to brief the City Council on the Physical Education requirements for students grades Pre-K through 12, to present an analysis of the impact on the physical education program on the rate of childhood obesity in public school students.

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks is committed to fostering healthy lifestyles for the youth of Baltimore City through exercise as well as proper nutrition. We feel that this attitude and responsibility should be shared by all impacting the lives of children. Combating the many negative factors that lay the foundation for future health issues such as obesity, high blood and heart disease is extremely important in today's society.

Therefore, the Department of Recreation and Parks **supports Council Bill # 09-0167R.**

Respectfully yours,

Gregory Bayor
Director

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Cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to City Council

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