



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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FREDERICK H. BEALEFELD, III
Police Commissioner

TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400 City Hall
Attn. Karen Randle

FROM: James H. Green, ^{JAG} Deputy Chief Legal Counsel
Baltimore Police Department

RE: City Council Bill No. 090167R-Baltimore City Public
Schools-Are Current Physical Education Requirements Enough?

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 090167R-Baltimore City Public Schools-Are Current Physical Education Requirements Enough? This legislation proposes to have the Baltimore Public School system brief the Council on the physical education requirements for students grades Pre-K through 12 and present an analysis of the impact of the program on the rate of childhood obesity.

The BPD supports all efforts to improve steps to address childhood obesity and encourages regular physical fitness activities for our students. Consistent with this stance, Commissioner Bealefeld continues to make training and physical activity among his highest priorities for members of the BPD. Recently the Public Safety Training Academy opened an obstacle course and a new fitness center designed to improve physical training for our first responders. The BPD also works with Baltimore children and the schools in an Outward Bound partnership that centers on team building and improved physical fitness. Baltimore has addressed the issue of childhood obesity, locally and nationally, but must continue to set goals so that our children are provided all opportunities for physical activity.

The BPD stands willing to help educate the community about the importance of regular physical activity and assist in the City's collective efforts in this area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

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