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Letter of Information
Baltimore City Council Resolution 19-0167R
Creating Another Early Voting Place in West Baltimore

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As drafted, Council Resolution 19-0167R requests the Baltimore City Council endorse the creation of an additional early voting polling place in West Baltimore. City Schools appreciates the importance of ensuring residents have every opportunity to vote and recognizes the positive impact of the flexibility provided by early voting locations.

While the resolution does not specify the potential location of an additional early voting site in West Baltimore, City Schools respectfully requests the opportunity for further discussion should a public school be up for consideration. Given that early voting in Baltimore City lasts for eight days, there are several logistical factors from a school’s perspective that would need to be addressed in advance – namely, required resources for staffing and security personnel. In addition, the closing of a school’s gymnasium, cafeteria, or auditorium for an extended time could pose instructional challenges.

It should also be noted that the resolution does not specify whether the proposed additional early voting site would be established for the gubernatorial or presidential election cycle. This is an important distinction for site accessibility since public schools are generally not in session for early voting during the gubernatorial cycle.

City Schools appreciates the Baltimore City Council’s consideration of our concerns and looks forward to further discussion of this matter.

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