

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 17-0004R

Dear Council President Young:

On January 9, 2017 the Baltimore City Council introduced the above-captioned bill, for the purpose of calling for regular budget oversight hearings for Baltimore City Public Schools to improve transparency and accountability in the allocation of over a billion dollars in public funding for the vital task of educating Baltimore's children.

City Schools had interacted with the City Council during FY 2016 and had agreed to ongoing updates to the City Council relating to the budget process. We welcome a continued dialogue with the City Council and the public, and will provide information about our budget meetings with the community as part of the update process.

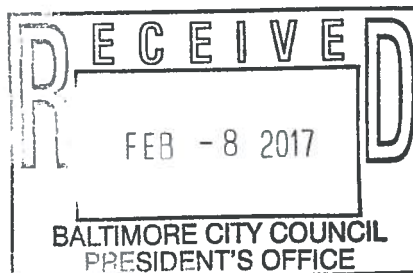
City Schools will be pleased to testify regarding our budget as necessary. Thank you for inviting us to participate in this important process.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer

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