

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 #12-0164

Dear Council President Young:

On November 14, 2012, the Baltimore City Council introduced the above-captioned bill, for the purpose of requiring certain periodic reports on all citations issued to school vehicles under speed and red-light camera monitoring systems.

Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) relies on monthly reports it receives from Baltimore City (Baltimore City Departments of Transportation and Finance) to obtain information on citations issued to its school vehicles. Bill #12-0164 requires that City Schools' vehicles operated by contractors would also be included in quarterly reports. Our current transportation contracts do not require contractors to notify the district when they receive speeding and red-light citations; however, City Schools will require that our bus vendors provide information on such citations in all future contracts. Such access to quarterly reports on contractor vehicle information would help City Schools to monitor speeding and red-light citations issued to contractors who transport City Schools students.

City Schools therefore supports City Council Bill #12-0164 as introduced, for the safety of all our students. We will be glad to testify regarding our support for this bill. Thank you for inviting us to participate in this process.

Sincerely,



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