

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 08-0062R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Branch, Middleton, D'Adamo,  
Henry, Welch, Young, Reisinger, Spector, Clarke  
Introduced and read first time: September 8, 2008  
Assigned to: Education Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Baltimore City Public School System, Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, Mayor's Office of Information Technology

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing - Baltimore City Public School System – Anonymous Call Hotline**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting the CEO of the Baltimore City Public System, the Chief of the  
4 Baltimore City School Police, and the Interim Information Chief of the Mayor's Office of  
5 Information Technology to brief the City Council on the feasibility of creating a tip phone  
6 hotline, where teachers, students, and parents are able to anonymously report acts of school  
7 violence, as well as a possible integration of that hotline with 311.

8 **Recitals**

9 Last month, representatives of the Baltimore City Public School System appeared before the  
10 City Council to report on their state of readiness for the upcoming school year. During that  
11 presentation, the School System presented its revised Code of Conduct. The Council applauds  
12 the school system on its efforts to create a more comprehensive and uniform Code. We have  
13 been also encouraged by innovative ideas such as the Success Academy and the creation of  
14 group specific programming targeting our most at-risk youth, which are examples of more  
15 contemporary approaches to alternative educations.

16 Furthermore, the increased inter-agency cooperation between the Baltimore City School  
17 Police, the Baltimore City Police Department, and the Mass Transit Administration has been a  
18 tremendous benefit to the safety of our students going to and coming home from school. All of  
19 these efforts are major strides in the right direction to insure that our students are safe in and out  
20 of the classroom.

21 However, in addition to these initiatives, the Council believes that the School System can  
22 always use more tools to aid its efforts to make our City students and teachers safer. Therefore,  
23 we are asking the City School System to brief the Council on the feasibility of creating an  
24 anonymous tip hotline where both teachers and students can report threats and acts of violence.

25 For students and parents, this hotline could be an avenue to disclose vital information about  
26 their safety or the safety of their peers and educators, without fear of retaliation. For teachers,  
27 this hotline would be a way to report incidents and threats, so to insure the teacher's safety as  
28 well as the accuracy of the reporting.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1       The City has been extraordinarily impressed with the progress made among our City’s  
2 students and in our schools as a whole. This hearing is meant to further the partnership that has  
3 been forged between the City Council and the Baltimore City School System. With a strong  
4 relationship between legislator and educator, we can help one another further the well being of  
5 our City students.

6       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the CEO  
7 of the Baltimore City Public School System, the Chief of the Baltimore City School Police, and  
8 the Interim Information Chief of the Mayor’s Office of Information Technology brief the  
9 Council on the feasibility of creating a tip phone hotline, where teachers, students, and parents  
10 are able to anonymously report acts of school violence, as well as a possible integration of that  
11 hotline with 311.

12       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
13 CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System, the Chief of the Baltimore City Public School  
14 Police, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the Council.