BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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February 11, 2014

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 14-0313

Dear Council President Young:

On January 22, 2014, the Baltimore City Council introduced the above-captioned bill, for the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$8,284,955 to the MR: Baltimore City Public Schools – Service 352, to provide funding for repayment to the Baltimore City Public Schools for funds withheld in prior fiscal years as payment for crossing guards services for Fiscal Years 2011, 2012, and 2013.

City Schools strongly supports this supplemental appropriation, which would resolve several financial matters between Baltimore City Public Schools and the City of Baltimore. This appropriation represents revenue withheld in prior fiscal years' funding from Baltimore City Schools by the City of Baltimore for crossing guards. Upon further review, it was concluded that the withholding should be reversed; Baltimore City Public Schools is in full agreement with this decision.

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Thank you for inviting City Schools to participate in this process.

Sincerely,

By: Tisha S. Edwards

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Interim Chief Executive Officer

C: Dawana Sterrette, Legislative Liaison Victor de la Paz, Chief Financial Officer

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