CITY OF BALTIMORE

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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May 19, 2016

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council Attn: Natwana Austin, Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202



Re: City Council Bill 16-0641 – Bond Issue – School Loan - \$34,000,000.

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0641 (Bond Issue – School Loan - \$34,000,000) for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would authorize the Mayor and City Council to create a debt not exceeding \$34,000,000 (the "Debt") for purposes of The bill would authorize the Mayor and City Council to create a debt not exceeding \$34,000,000 (the "Debt") for purposes of improving Baltimore City school facilities, buildings and equipment including new school buildings, athletic and other auxiliary facilities including community health and recreation facilities, and for additions and improvements to, or the modernization or reconstruction of, including the inspection, removal, encapsulation, management, containment and abatement of asbestos from existing school buildings or facilities, and for equipment for any and all new or existing facilities.

The intent of the bill is to ensure that the Debt is created as a general obligation of the City, pursuant to Section 7 of Article XI of the Constitution of Maryland. The bill also contains provisions concerning the use of the funds, the issuance of the bonds, and other matters. After approval by the Mayor and City Council, the ordinance will be presented to the voters for approval on November 8, 2016.

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The Law Department approves Council Bill 16-0641 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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