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To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400 City Hall

From: David McMillan, Director, Mayor's Office of Emergency Management
1201 E. Cold Spring Lane, Basement Level - Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 2

Date: May 8th, 2018

RE: Council Resolution 18-0070R: Informational Hearing – Crisis Preparedness and Safety in Our Schools

The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (MOEM) has reviewed Council Resolution 18-0070R: Informational Hearing – Crisis Preparedness and Safety in Our Schools and agrees to take part in the hearing.

Please find the following report for Council Resolution 18-0070R. The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management will be available to discuss how MOEM supports BPD, BCFD, Baltimore City School Police, and other stakeholders to ensure that our schools are prepared and respond effectively to various emergencies such as tragedy that occurred in Parkland, Florida.

The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (MOEM) would also refer the Council to the report issued in response to resolution 17-0052R regarding MOEM's role in overall disaster and emergency preparedness. We appreciate the opportunity to share our work with the City Council.

Thank you.

David McMillan

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Director, Mayor's Office of Emergency Management
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Cc: Honorable Mayor Catherine E. Pugh
Chief of Staff Kimberly Morton

The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (MOEM) is responsible for ensuring the City of Baltimore is prepared for emergencies, disasters, and special events. This includes preparing City Agencies, private non-profit stakeholders, private sector partners including businesses, and Baltimore's citizens overall. This also certainly includes working to assist Baltimore City Schools in their preparedness efforts, and during any response to an Active Assailant event.

The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (MOEM) response to resolution 17-0052R regarding Baltimore's Disaster Preparedness briefed the Council on MOEM's role in making sure the City is preparedness for all hazard and disasters the City may face. This would include a tragedy like the horrific shootings that occurred in Parkland, Florida.

Per the City's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), MOEM would be a core support agency assisting whatever agency is in control of Incident Command, according to which Emergency Support Function (ESF) is most prominent.

For a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) such as what occurred in Parkland, in the immediate response BPD and/or Baltimore City School Police would be lead agency and the highest ranking member on scene of whichever agency is lead would be Incident Commander. This is given that ESF 13 - Law Enforcement, would be most critical.

When the assailant(s) are neutralized by BPD and Law Enforcement on scene, we may enter a phase in response where immediate medical response becomes most critical, at which point BCFD or perhaps BCHD would be lead agency, based on either ESF 9 - Search and Rescue or ESF 8 - Health and Medical, being the most prominent critical/prominent.

In the final phases of such an incident, the focus may shift to ESF 6 - Sheltering and Mass Care or ESF 14 - Recovery, in which case the lead could change to either DHCD or MOEM, respectively.

Throughout all of this, MOEM's largest tasks as a support agency will be to activate the Emergency Operations Center, as requested or necessary; assist with the organization of Incident Command, as requested or necessary; ensure core support agencies and other support agencies provide assets and personnel to the Incident Commander; assist with or initiate mutual aid requests; assist the Mayor's Office of Communications and the lead agency's Public Information Officer (PIO) in any emergency communications, as requested or necessary; and to lead efforts to recover from the incident per ESF 14 - Recovery.

MOEM will also coordinate with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and other state or federal partners.

Overall, MOEM will stand in support of whichever agency is the Lead Agency at any moment during an active assailant event, whether it takes place at our schools or elsewhere, and would provide the support and coordination necessary for our response to be effective and efficient and overall successful. The general orders, MOP's, SOP's, and/or other plans, protocols and procedures of the lead and other responding agencies will govern the tactical response, as will the leadership and expertise of the Incident Commander and his/her team.