

**Line Item Control**

(Adopted 1995; re-adopted 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010)

WHEREAS, the responsibility for establishing, selecting, and developing educational programs in the public schools belongs to the local boards of education; and

WHEREAS, the local boards are knowledgeable in methods of achieving educational excellence and are accountable for both student performance and fiscal management; and

WHEREAS, line item control of local education budgets by county government officials would grant them the ability to control the smallest detail of education programming; and

WHEREAS, line item control by county government officials would shift the governance of the public schools from the local boards of education to county government officials; and

WHEREAS, in funding the public schools, fiscal control over both the level of local education funding and categorical spending already resides with the county government officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Maryland Association of Boards of Education opposes granting to county government officials line item control of local education budgets.