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MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents of Schools  
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Maryland School for the Blind

From: Robert A. Gorrell, Executive Director *RAG*

Date: September 21, 2017

Subject: Amendments to Regulations- State Cost Share Percentages for FY 2019 – FY 2021

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We are writing to inform you of the proposed revisions to COMAR 23.03.02.05 that will modify the State Cost Share Percentages for the next three CIP cycles. The formula is proposed to remain the same except for the revision you will see below. This revision and the resulting percentages for this and the next two CIP cycles are to be presented to the Interagency Committee on School Construction (IAC) at its tentative September 28, 2017 meeting. Please review the proposed changes and send an email with any comments to [azariah.moore@maryland.gov](mailto:azariah.moore@maryland.gov), by close of business Monday September 25, 2017. If you have any questions and/or concerns feel free to contact Mr. Moore at (410) 767-0735.

**State Cost Share Percentages**

By regulation, every three years the IAC shall recommend to the Board of Public Works (BPW) the State Cost Share Percentages. The FY 19-21 State share for (6) LEAs that will increase, nine (9) LEAs and the Maryland School for the Blind will remain unchanged, and nine (9) LEAs will see a *decrease*. The State Cost Share Percentage recommendation for each local educational agency (LEA) is based on calculations that consider the factors described in COMAR 23.03.02.05.C.(3)(a)-(g):

- The LEA's current share of the Foundation program;
- The LEA's allocation under the guaranteed tax base program;
- The LEA's Free and Reduced Price Meal student population;
- The LEA's location in a Distressed County as defined by the Department of Business and Economic Development;
- The LEA's student enrollment growth; and
- The local government's financial effort toward school construction since the previous calculation

The proposed revision to the language in COMAR 23.03.02.05.C.(3)(g) is included as **CAPITALIZED BOLD** text as follows:

(g) 10 times the amount by which the county's **AND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** total outstanding school construction debt at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> prior fiscal year plus the county's total school construction expenditures from its operating budget from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> prior fiscal years exceeds 1 percent of the county **AND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**, wealth as defined by Education Article, 5-202, Annotated Code of Maryland, for the prior fiscal year.

If the IAC approves the COMAR revisions for recommendation to the BPW, the recommendation would go before the BPW for consideration at their October 18, 2017 meeting. The amended regulation would then go through the Joint Committee Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR) process and comment period which can take up to 60 days. Subsequent to the AELR period, it is our intention to notify the LEAs and confirm the final adoption/opposition of the regulation.

School System	Cost Share %			
	Current State		Proposed State	
	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Allegany	83%	85%	85%	85%
Anne Arundel	50%	50%	50%	50%
Baltimore City	93%	91%	91%	91%
Baltimore	52%	56%	56%	56%
Calvert	53%	53%	53%	53%
Caroline	80%	81%	81%	81%
Carroll	59%	55%	55%	55%
Cecil	63%	66%	66%	66%
Charles	61%	61%	61%	61%
Dorchester	76%	75%	75%	75%
Frederick	64%	60%	60%	60%
Garrett	50%	50%	50%	50%
Harford	63%	60%	60%	60%
Howard	55%	54%	54%	54%
Kent	50%	50%	50%	50%
Montgomery	50%	50%	50%	50%
Prince George's	63%	70%	70%	70%
Queen Anne's	50%	51%	51%	51%
St. Mary's	58%	57%	57%	57%
Somerset	100%	96%	96%	96%
Talbot	50%	50%	50%	50%
Washington	71%	71%	71%	71%
Wicomico	97%	95%	95%	95%
Worcester	50%	50%	50%	50%
Maryland School for the Blind	93%	93%	93%	93%