



STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LARRY HOGAN
GOVERNOR

September 13, 2017

Secretary Betsy DeVos
United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Secretary DeVos:

Enclosed is a letter I sent to the Maryland State Board of Education on September 12, 2017 explaining why I did not sign the Maryland Consolidated State Plan created by the Maryland State Department of Education and the State Board of Education in accordance with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). I understand you will be reviewing the state plans in the coming weeks, and I wanted to share my decision and reasoning with you directly.

I am confident the members of the Board and the Department worked diligently to create the best ESSA plan possible under the impossible circumstances imposed by the Maryland General Assembly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Hogan".

Larry Hogan
Governor

Enclosure:

September 12, 2017 ESSA Letter to Maryland State Board of Education