

Line Item Control

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

WHEREAS, 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 categorical authorization of local education funding 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 or any increased authority over local education budgets.