

Response from Prince George's County

To assist the State Board of Education with its expedited review of the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) waiver requests, the Board is asking each county applicant to provide responses (electronically) to each of the following by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2009.

1. Identify the document(s) and page number(s) in the County's waiver request materials that show the cuts or reductions the County has made in county funded public programs, other than to the Board of Education.
 - ***March 24, 2009 letter from County to James H. DeGraffenreidt, Jr., pp. 1-3;***
 - ***FY 2010 Waiver of Maintenance of Effort PowerPoint presentation, p. 25; chart shows budget reductions by County functions;***
 - ***FY 2010 Prince George's County Proposed Operating Budget, Budget Overview tab, p. III-9, Appropriation Summary lists the change from FY 2009 Approved to FY 2010 Proposed;***
 - ***FY 2010 Prince George's County Proposed Operating Budget, Where the Money Goes, p. 18, 27, 33, 47, 55, 67, 76, 84, 91, 105, 116, 123, 143, 161, 168, 177, 190, 214, 237, 257, 276, 295, 302, 317, 329, 355, 379, 403, 420, shows reduction in individual County agencies;***
 - ***FY 2010 Proposed Operating Budget, County Executive's budget submittal letter, pp. 1-4.***
2. If applicable, identify the document(s) and page number(s) in the County's waiver request materials that contain any comparison analysis of the proportion of cuts to county funded programs and to the proposed cut to the Board of Education.
 - ***FY 2010 Prince George's County Proposed Operating Budget, Budget Overview tab, p. III-9, Appropriation Summary, lists the change from FY 2009 Approved to FY 2010 Proposed;***
 - ***County Executive's budget submittal letter, p. 2, fifth full paragraph;***
 - ***FY 2010 Waiver of Maintenance of Effort PowerPoint presentation, p. 25.***
3. Identify the document(s) and page number(s) in the County's waiver request materials showing that the County has furloughed any county employees in FY09.

- ***County Council of Prince George's County Bill #CB-51-2008, is the Revised FY 2009 Budget which incorporates the reduction in compensation from the 80 hours of unpaid employee furloughs;***
- ***FY 2010 Prince George's County Proposed Operating Budget, County Executive's FY 2010 budget submittal letter, p. 2, second full paragraph, states that the County will "again implement a two-week furlough of County employees".***

4. Identify the document(s) and page number(s) in the County's waiver request materials showing that the County has laid off any county employees in FY 09.

Lay-offs were not implemented in FY 2009, however 307 layoffs are included in the FY2010 budget.

5. Identify the document(s) and page number(s) in the County's waiver request materials that shows the County has reduced or eliminated salary or benefit raises for county employees.

FY 2010 Prince George's County Proposed Operating Budget, p. 2 of the County Executive's FY 2010 budget submittal letter, second full paragraph, states that "there are no cost of living adjustments or merit increases in the budget". The County is in the final year of labor contracts that provided for COLA and merit increases in FY 2009. FY 2009 furloughs reduced County salaries by 3.8% for a 10 day furlough.

6. Identify the document(s) and page number(s) in the County's waiver request materials showing the amount of the County's "rainy day" funds.
 - ***FY 2010 Waiver of Maintenance of Effort PowerPoint, p. 26;***
 - ***FY 2010 Prince George's County Proposed Operating Budget, Budget Overview tab, p. III-16 Budgetary Fund Balance, which shows a declining fund balance falling below the required 7% level.***
7. If applicable, identify the document(s) and page number(s) in the County's waiver request materials containing any information about whether the "rainy day" funds can be accessed for payment of the County's MOE.

FY 2010 Prince George's County Proposed Operating Budget, Strategic/Fiscal Policies tab, p. II-6, Maintain a General Fund Contingency Reserve and Maintain a General Fund Operating Reserve.

8. Identify the document(s) and page number(s) in the County's waiver request materials showing the difference between the County's budget projections and actual expenditures over the last three years.

FY 2010 Prince George's County Proposed Operating Budget, Budget Overview tab, p. III-9, Appropriation Summary.

	Budget	Actual	Difference
FY06	\$2,177,596,700	\$2,206,690,398	\$ 29,093,698
FY07	\$2,373,251,300	\$2,401,590,441	\$ 28,339,141
FY08	\$2,636,426,200	\$2,626,405,029	\$(10,021,171)

9. Identify the document(s) and page number(s) in the County's waiver request materials showing that the County discussed with the Board of Education:
 - a. the impact the reduction in funding would have for the school budget; and
 - b. the impact on the LEA's ability to meet MOE requirements for federal education dollars (i.e., Title I, IDEA, and Carl Perkins).

Prior to the submission of the FY 2010 Proposed Operating Budget, a discussion was held between senior County staff and the Board of Education. In addition, a more specific discussion was held regarding the impact of the funding and possible staff reductions and/or furloughs.

10. Identify the document(s) and page number(s) in the County's waiver request materials showing any analysis regarding consequences on the Board of Education's ability to meet the MOE required for federal programs (i.e., Title I, IDEA, Carl Perkins) if the State Board grants the County's waiver request.

Based on the information provided by the Prince George's County Board of Education to the Maryland State Board of Education (p. 5 of the April 9, 2009 letter in opposition to the waiver request), granting this waiver would not have negative consequences on the Board's ability to meet the MOE required for federal programs.

Responses should be sent to tsouth@msde.state.md.us and copied to cneccessary@msde.state.md.us