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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Lillian M. Lowery, Ed.D. *L. Lowery*
DATE: August 26, 2014
SUBJECT: Annual Capital Budget, Five-Year Capital Improvement Program and Capital Grant Program

PURPOSE:

The Annual Capital Budget, Five-Year Capital Improvement Program, and the County Library Capital Grant Program Requests are submitted for approval for submission to the Maryland Department of Budget and Management, Office of Capital Budgeting.

BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

The Annual Capital Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Program as well as the County Library Capital Grant Program are submitted annually in accordance with the instructions promulgated by the Maryland Department of Budget and Management, Office of Capital Budgeting. The Request includes the Five-Year plan for the Maryland Department of Education capital improvements and includes fiscal year capital budget funding requests as well as the County Library Capital Grant Program. Section §23-510 of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland mandates \$5,000,000 in annual funding for the County Library Capital Grant Program. Further, Section §23-205 of the Education Article assigns responsibility to the State to pay all capital expenses for the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) and the Regional Resource Centers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

There are two requests in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for 2016 in addition to the mandated funding for the County Library Capital Program.

County Library Capital Program

Grant funding of \$5,000,000 annually is mandated for FY2016 - FY2020.
FY 2016 projects will be submitted to the Board for approval in September.

Five-Year Capital Improvement Program

Priority 1 State Library Resource Center, Enoch Pratt Free Library

Request includes funding for the SLRC Phase II project for FY2016 in the amount of \$25,850,000 and for future years in the amount of \$24,700,000 for FY2017 and \$24,200,000 for FY2018.

Priority 2 Eastern Shore Regional Library

Funding is requested in the State's Capital Improvement Program for FY2018 - FY2020.

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ACTION:

We request that the Maryland State Board of Education adopt the FY2016 Capital Budget and the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program.