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TO: Members of the State Board of Education  
FROM: Lillian M. Lowery, Ed.D. *lmlowery*  
DATE: September 23, 2014  
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Estimates and Requests

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**PURPOSE:**

To review and approve the Maryland State Department of Education's (MSDE) Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 budget estimates and budget enhancement requests for Headquarters, Aid to Education, Funding for Educational Organizations, Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund and the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center. Approval will authorize the State Superintendent of Schools to submit these budget requests to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

Additionally, to approve the FY 2016 budget request for State Aided Educational Institutions in accordance with Education Article Sections 5-504 and 5-505.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

The Board is requested to approve the FY 2016 base budget, Over-the Target enhancement requests, and FY 2015 Deficiency requests. To assist in the review of budget information, the Department has included a 10-year history of budget data (shown in the introduction of the attachment). The data will allow for a historical perspective on the various budgetary units in the Department, including the funding sources contributing to each of these units, and how these have changed in recent years.

The FY 2015 General Fund budget changes (shown in section A of the attachment) are for information and context purposes only.

This item is being presented in accordance with Maryland State Department of Education Policy 02.100.02, and Education Article, Sections 5-504 and 5-505.

**SUMMARY:**

The FY 2016 estimates reflect a combination of the General Fund budget targets established by DBM for State sources, and this Department's best estimate of funding expected from non-State sources.

**ACTION:**

The State Board is requested to review for submission to DBM the following items:

- the FY 2016 base budget estimates;
- the FY 2016 Over-the-Target Request;
- the FY 2015 Deficiency Requests; and
- the FY 2016 Requests for State Aided Educational Institutions.

