

part of but one segment of the local community. Of the 26 schools in Charles County, only 14 have a parent-teacher association; and of these 14, less than half actively participate in Council activities. To permit such an organization, one so wholly unrepresentative of the entire interested community, effectively to control the appointment of interim members to the County Board of Education would, I believe, establish an unfortunate precedent. It would constitute a grossly improper delegation of authority, as well as result in a serious dilution of the purposes sought to be established by an elected board responsive to the general public.

Furthermore, the bill only provides for one additional list of names to be submitted to the Board in the event of a deadlock as to the initial nominees. Should an impasse be reached over these additional names as well, the Board, unable to fill the vacancy, would be severely hampered in its ability to function properly.

For these reasons, among others, the Superintendent of Schools for Charles County and the President of the Charles County Board of Education have each urged that I veto House Bill 730. The attached copies of their respective letters are to be considered a part of this message.

In view of the foregoing, although I recognize the desirability of providing Board members with adequate compensation for their services, I believe that House Bill 730 should be vetoed.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Marvin Mandel  
Governor

March 4, 1974.

Honorable Marvin Mandel  
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Dear Governor Mandel:

This letter is a request that you veto HB-730 pertaining to the method of filling vacancies on the Charles County Board of Education.

I identify several points in the bill which cause me to make this recommendation. Under its provisions, the