

performance-based system-wide personnel evaluation system has been developed by the New Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners and reviewed and commented on by the State Board of Education.

SECTION 23. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the \$30 million appropriation in Fiscal Year 1998 as described in Section 7 of this Act shall be disbursed to the New Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners as follows: (1) \$15 million on July 1, 1997; and (2) \$15 million after adoption by the Board of the Transition Plan as required by § 4-311 of the Education Article as amended by this Act, which includes the specific purposes for which the \$30 million will be used, as described in Section 22 of this Act.

SECTION 24. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if the General Assembly fails to appropriate the funds for any of the fiscal years described in Section 6 7 of this Act, this Act shall be abrogated effective on the last day of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated.

SECTION 25. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That upon appointment, the New Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall expeditiously establish a new financial reporting system which adequately tracks and reports school and system expenditures by function and by program for each school site and for the total system using an established financial model that can apply to all school systems. The financial reporting system should enhance the Board's ability to make informed decisions and the public's awareness of how public funds are spent. Reports using this model should be in place by July 1, 1998, in order to provide for public reporting of Fiscal Year 1999 expenditures.

SECTION 26. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That by November 1, 1997, a financial audit of the Baltimore City Public School System shall be performed by an independent auditor to reconcile the financial accounts of the school system.

SECTION 27. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall initiate a search process for a permanent Chief Executive Officer (CEO) no later than 30 days after appointment. The Board may appoint an interim CEO if it is not feasible to hire a permanent CEO immediately, and must appoint an interim CEO no later than June 15, 1997. The interim CEO shall not be eligible for appointment as the permanent CEO. The Board must appoint a permanent CEO no later than October 30, 1997, unless extenuating circumstances exist as determined by the Board, in consultation with the State Board of Education. In this event, the Board must appoint a permanent CEO no later than December 31, 1997.

SECTION 28. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That: (1) the appointment of the members of the Parent and Community Advisory Board described in § 4-308 of the Education Article, as enacted by this Act, shall be as follows:

(i) The Plaintiffs (parents of students with disabilities) in Vaughn G., et al v. Mayor and City Council, et al Case No. MJG 84-1911, United States District Court for the District of Maryland shall appoint three members of the Advisory Board: