



Mohammed Choudhury
State Superintendent of Schools

October 1, 2021

The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401 – 1925

The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President of the Senate
State House, H-107
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House, H-101
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Alternative Teaching Opportunity Program Report (MSAR #5735)

Dear Governor Hogan, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

House Bill 794 of 2006 established the Maryland Alternative Teaching Opportunity Program. The Maryland Alternative Teaching Opportunity Program was to occur in several selected school districts and include up to 150 teaching candidates as participants. This legislation requires that, on October 1, 2008, and each year thereafter, the Department submits to the Governor and the General Assembly a report including the following:

1. The school systems participating in the program and the number of the per diem stipends awarded,
2. The teaching assignments of resident teachers participating in the program; and
3. The retention rate of resident teachers participating in the program during their first five years of teaching.

Since this program was never funded, no resident teachers have participated and no stipends have been awarded. This correspondence serves as the reporting requirement as specified in the law.

It may be of interest that Code of Maryland Regulations 13A.12.01.07 (2006) did establish guidelines for alternative-prepared resident teachers, including a teacher certification process, as well as a state program approval process for alternative programs. Since 2008, 5,310 resident teachers have been

hired in Maryland local school systems and have earned, or are currently working towards, full professional certification. Data regarding this process is available upon request.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mrs. Kelly Meadows, Assistant State Superintendent for the Division of Educator Certification and Program Approval at (410) 767-0386 or by email at kelly.meadows@maryland.gov.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mohammed Choudhury". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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C: Kelly Meadows, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Educator Certification and Program Approval