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The Honorable Wes Moore  
Governor  
State House  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Bill Ferguson  
Senate President  
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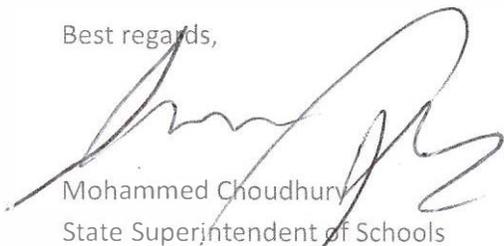
The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones  
Speaker of the House  
H-101 State House  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Report required by Education Article §7-505 and §7-506 (MSAR #540) Youth Suicide Prevention Program

Dear Governor Moore, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

This letter is intended to fulfill the reporting summary required by Section 7-506(b) of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland enacted by the Maryland General Assembly in 1986. As currently written, Section 7-506(c) of the statute states that the Governor shall include funds in the budget designated for the Youth Suicide Prevention Program. From 1986 to 2006, funds were included in the budget and distributed through MSDE to local education agencies to support youth suicide prevention programming in schools. MSDE was also expected to seek federal funds under the Garret Lee Smith Memorial Act. Federal funds from the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act are managed by the Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration. Since 2007, state funds have not been available to support the establishment of the program identified in Section 7-505.

Best regards,



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