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The Honorable Ulysses Currie
Chairman
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller State Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Norman H. Conway
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
House Office Building, Room 121
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Currie and Delegate Conway:

In accordance with the requirement noted on page 130 of the *Joint Chairmen's Report – Operating Budget, April 2009* on the number of Maryland State Department of Education loaned educator contracts and any conversion of these personnel to regular positions by December 15, 2009, I am submitting this report.

As of December 1, 2009, the Maryland State Department of Education is engaged in 50 loaned educator contracts; thus, of a total of 1,593 MSDE personnel, 50 are loaned educators. The attached matrix shows local school systems from which loaned educators come and the Division(s) to which they are assigned.

Twenty-eight loaned educator contracts have been eliminated since July 1, 2008. Of these, twenty loaned educators have returned to their local school systems. The remaining loaned educators, eight in number, have converted to regular positions.

In addition to the loaned educators who have converted to regular positions thus far, five are scheduled to do so in the coming months. We anticipate that several other loaned educators will convert to regular positions by the start of the 2011 fiscal year.

This year, we have entered into one new loaned educator contract utilizing the process delineated in the *Joint Chairmen's Report*. This process included communication with the Department of Legislative Services to provide the budget committees an opportunity for review and comment. Recruitment of this loaned educator facilitated timely implementation of a \$14,382,810 grant in special education from the U.S. Department of Education. Several elements of the assignment for which the loaned educator was engaged aligned exactly with the requirements for this arrangement:

- Short-term nature of the grant – two to three year time span – with all grant funding to be encumbered by September 30, 2011;
- Uniqueness and narrow focus of the expansion, with recent knowledge of and experience with birth through five programs and evidence-based practices essential; and
- Demonstrated skill set in working with Local Lead Agencies for local Infants and Toddlers programs, and local school systems for preschool special education services to build a birth through five continuum of services.

Pursuant to 2009 JCR Page 130



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The contributions of local experience and expertise that our loaned educators bring to the work of the Department is significant, and we will continue to explore ways in which we can capitalize on these strengths while meeting the goal of limiting their involvement to special, short-term projects, where local talent is a necessity. Should you have any questions regarding the information contained in this report, please contact Mr. Stephen Brooks, Assistant State Superintendent for Business Services (410-767-0011; steve.brooks@msde.state.md.us).

Thank you for your ongoing efforts on behalf of a strong public education for all of Maryland's children.

Sincerely,


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State Superintendent of Schools

c: Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer
Delegate John L. Bohanan, Jr.
Rachel Hise
Stephen Brooks
Renee Spence

Attachment (1)

Maryland State Department of Education

Loaned Educators

December 2009

Local Education Agency	Accountability and Assessment	Certification and Accreditation	Early Childhood Development	Instruction	Leadership Development	Office of the Superintendent	Special Education/ Early Intervention Services	Student, Family, and School Services	Total
Anne Arundel County					1		1	1	3
Baltimore City				2			1		3
Baltimore County	1			3	3	1	3		11
Carroll County	1			1					2
Cecil County							2		2
Charles County			1				1		2
Dorchester County				2					2
Frederick County					1*		2		3
Harford County				1*				2	3
Howard County				2**	1*		2		5
Montgomery County				3**			1		4
Prince George's County	1			2			1		4
Queen Anne's County		1		1				1	3
Talbot County				1					1
Washington County				1					1
Worcester County								1	1
Total	3	1	1	19	6	1	14	5	50

* Denotes organizational placement; funding for these contracts is located in other division(s).

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