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**Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST)
Advisory Board Meeting - May 3, 2018
Summary of Decisions**

- 1) Clawback of 2016-2017 funds from ineligible schools:
 - a. The Board decided to claw back funds from the six schools that have been found ineligible in 2017-2018 that also received BOOST funds in 2016-2017. These schools' student handbooks contain language that conflicts with the BOOST law's non-discrimination requirements.
 - b. The schools that will be subject to clawbacks are:
 - i. Atholton Adventist Academy - Columbia,
 - ii. Frederick Adventist Academy - Frederick,
 - iii. Highland View Academy - Hagerstown,
 - iv. Spencerville Adventist Academy - Spencerville,
 - v. Takoma Academy - Takoma Park,
 - vi. Trinity Lutheran School - Joppa.

- 2) Schools with handbooks under review:
 - a. The Board discussed the student handbooks of three schools that are in a grey area as to whether they comply with the BOOST law's non-discrimination requirements.
 - b. The Board decided that Broadfording Christian Academy - Hagerstown is not in compliance and is ineligible for the program.
 - c. The Board decided to ask for more information from Bethel Christian Academy - Savage and Woodstream Christian Academy - Mitchellville.

- 3) Information about special education:
 - a. The Board asked staff from the Maryland State Department of Education to provide background information on categories and definitions related to special education, including Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), 504 Plans, and Individual Services Plans. This background information will inform Board decisions on award amounts for special education students as required by the BOOST law for 2018-2019.

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