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**Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST)
Advisory Board Meeting – February 5, 2019
Summary of Decisions**

- 1) The BOOST Advisory Board approved the decision summary for the October 30, 2018 meeting.
- 2) The Board agreed to the application schedule. The online application will be open March 8 through midnight on April 17.
- 3) The Board agreed to a timeframe for school reporting. The deadline for schools to submit the required reports will be August 16, 2019. Schools will be required to complete the enrollment confirmations by mid-September.
- 4) The Board requested historical data to inform future discussions. Specifically, the Board requested:
 - a. Data showing how the prior year available fund balance is developed.
 - b. Average tuition by year and by grade.
 - c. Student data
 1. By grade by type of school in prior year
 2. By award category, by grade, by type of school in prior year
 3. By Special Services category (ELL, Special Ed)
 4. High School enrollment
- 5) The Board went into closed session to deliberate a request from the Columbia Union Conference, 7th Day Adventist Church.
- 6) The Board came back into open session and Board Chair summarized the Board's decisions:
 - a. Restore program eligibility to the four schools with revised handbook language:
 1. Atholton Adventist Academy
 2. Frederick Adventist Academy
 3. Highland View Academy
 4. Takoma Academy
 - b. Spencerville Adventist Academy submitted revised handbook language at the meeting. The Boost Board offered the school the same status contingent on the OAG review of the school's handbook.
 - c. Declined to waive requirement to repay scholarship funds provided in prior years, but offered a repayment plan consistent with State requirements.
 - d. Prospective repayment to MSDE over at least four years.
- 7) The Board scheduled their next meeting for April 30, 2019 at 10:00 am

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