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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Nancy S. Grasmick *Nancy*  
**DATE:** February 24, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** Major Budget Realignment Request

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**PURPOSE:**

To review and respond to the major budget realignment request items for the month of January 2009.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

This item is being presented in accordance with Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Policy 02.100.02.

As a part of the monthly consent calendar, the State Board reviews and authorizes budget adjustments affecting the current fiscal year's appropriation. Some adjustments require State Board action; others are reflected for information purposes only.

**Budget Amendments (State Board Action Items):**

Budget Amendments are required whenever an increase is requested for the current budget appropriation at the budgetary program and appropriated fund level (i.e., General, Special, Federal or Reimbursable Funds). The following are types of adjustments shown in the Major Budget Realignment (MBR) Request that require State Board approval:

- Tying in to grant awards received (Increases) – Special Fund and Federal Fund amounts included within the original appropriation are based upon estimated receipts. When the fiscal year begins and the actual grant or a more accurate estimated amount is higher, an adjustment is made to reflect the full amount.
- Carryover from prior fiscal year – Federal fund carryover results from the federal fiscal year overlap of three months as compared to the State fiscal year, and from the Tydings Amendment, which allows some federal formula grants to be spent for an additional 12 months. These adjustments are required to make maximum use of the grants.

