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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Mohammed Choudhury  
**DATE:** September 28, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Estimates and Requests

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this item is to review budget information for the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). The information includes Fiscal 2023 budget estimates and the Fiscal 2023 request for State Aided Educational Institutions that will be submitted to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for the Governor’s budget development. The information covers the budgets for Headquarters, Aid to Education, Funding for Educational Organizations, the Children’s Cabinet Interagency Fund, the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center, the Maryland Center for School Safety, and the Interagency Commission on School Construction.

Approval of this item will authorize the State Superintendent of Schools to submit the budget requests to the DBM.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Each fall, MSDE requests that the Board reviews and approves the budget request for the upcoming fiscal year prior to its submission to DBM. The budget request is the culmination of a multi-step process involving input and review at the division level and an overall departmental level.

At the August 2021 Board meeting, budget information was presented that provided background and context, including a 10-year historical review of budget data, a review of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget, and proposed budget enhancement requests for Fiscal Year 2023. The information provided in August was intended to lay the groundwork for the Board’s consideration of the budget requests at the September 2021 meeting.

Note that the request for State-Aided Educational Institutions within the Funding for Educational Organizations budget is presented in accordance with Education Article §§5-504 and 5-505.

**SUMMARY:**

The Fiscal 2023 budget estimates for State fund sources reflect the General Fund targets established in cooperation with DBM. The estimates for non-State sources represent MSDE’s best estimate of the funds that will be available.

Estimates for the Aid to Education formula programs are very preliminary and are based on estimated data. The estimates will be adjusted throughout the remainder of the year as the variables used by the respective formulas are updated.

In the Funding for Educational Organizations budget, funding for the Maryland School for the Blind is estimated at the statutory formula level.

**ACTION:**

The State Board is requested to approve for submission to DBM the following items:

- FY 2023 base budget estimates;
- FY 2023 request for State Aided Educational Institutions, which is included in the Funding for Educational Organizations budget; and
- FY 2023 budget reduction options.