BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY,

BEFORE THE

**MARYLAND** 

Appellant

STATE BOARD

v.

OF EDUCATION

RENEE FOOSE

Appellee. Order No. OR17-01

## **ORDER**

The Board of Education of Howard County (local board) has filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling with this Board. It requests that we shorten the time for the Superintendent's response from 20 days to 10 days citing to the adverse effect on the local board of the on-going controversy between the Board and the Superintendent.

We note that the Superintendent filed a Petition for Declaratory Judgement in the Circuit Court of Howard County. That Petition sets forth legal issues similar to the ones the local board sets forth before this Board. Thus, this Board directs: (1) Both parties to brief the jurisdictional issue presented by the parallel filings and to do so by February 6, 2017; and (2) The Superintendent also to respond to the merits of the Petition for Declaratory Ruling on February 6, 2017.

It is so ordered this 24 day of January, 2017.

Signature on File:

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Andrew R. Smarick

President