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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
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DATE: September 22, 2020
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Estimates and Requests

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to review confidential budget information subject to the Governor's Executive Privilege, for the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). (66 Op. Att'y 98) The information includes Fiscal 2022 budget estimates and the Fiscal 2022 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 estimated 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, the Interagency Commission on School Construction and the Office of the Inspector General of Education.

Approval of this item will authorize the State Superintendent of Schools to submit the budget requests to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Each fall, MSDE requests that the Board reviews and approves the estimated confidential 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 2020 Board meeting, confidential budget information was presented that provided background and context, including a 10-year historical review of budget data and an overview of the Fiscal 2021 budget. The information provided in August was intended to lay the groundwork for the Board's consideration of the budget requests at the September 2020 meeting.

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

SUMMARY:

The Fiscal 2022 budget estimates for State fund sources reflect the General Fund targets established in cooperation with DBM. The estimates for non-State sources represent the 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:

- the FY 2022 base budget estimates,
- the FY 2022 request for State Aided Educational Institutions, which is included in the Funding for Educational Organizations budget, and
- the FY 2022 budget reduction options.