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Chief Executive Officer

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Ms. Maria Lamb, Director
Program Improvement and Family Support Branch
Maryland State Department of Education
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201-2595

Dear Ms. Lamb:

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is in receipt of the granted waiver request received by the United States Department of Education to Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) three year request for a waiver of section 1113(a)(3)-(4) and (c)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended. This waiver will allow PGCPS to serve with Title I funds a Title I-eligible Tier II middle school even if that school does not rank sufficiently high in the rank order of poverty to be served.

It is understood that this out of rank order waiver is granted for three school years (SY2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017) with the following conditions:

- If the ESEA is reauthorized, MSDE will no longer be eligible for this waiver and must meet the requirements of section 1113(a)(3)-(4) and (c)(1) of the ESEA.
- If MSDE does not receive an extension of its approved ESEA flexibility request, MSDE will no longer be eligible for this waiver and must meet the requirements of section 1113(a)(3)-(4) and (c)(1) of the ESEA.

PGCPS is requesting this three-year waiver for the following middle schools: Oxon Hill, Thomas Johnson, and Thurgood Marshall.

Sincerely,

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