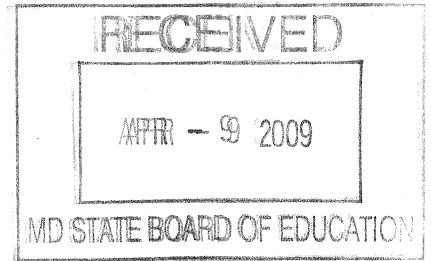


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RE: Request for waiver of maintenance
by the Worcester County Commissioners

Dear Mr. South:

I write in response to the request by the Worcester County Commissioners whom on March 31, 2009 have filed with the Maryland State Dept. of Education a request for waiver of maintenance to fund the Worcester County Board of Education budget for the upcoming 2010 year. This request should be denied by your department because Worcester County has more than sufficient resources to fund the Board of Education budget. Additionally, State Board of Education intervention at this time is unnecessary to resolve this local county budget issue. Finally, granting a waiver would establish a ill-advised precedent for the future of Worcester County and the institution of public education.

Worcester County has more than sufficient funds to provide funding for its county Board of Education. Worcester County is one of the wealthiest counties in the State. One need only drive down Coastal

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Highway in Ocean City to see the degree of affluence that we enjoy. Worcester County has one of the lowest tax rates in the State of Maryland. In very recent years our county has spent hundreds of millions of dollars for new schools , libraries , health department, detention center, senior center ,central recreation center and county government buildings as public works projects. Worcester County has tens of millions of dollars in reserve funds invested on hand that are available as resources . With all of these financial resources available, Worcester County can certainly obtain the 1.8 million dollars that is suggested by the Commissioners to justify a waiver of maintenance by the State Board of Education.

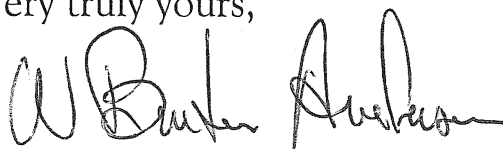
Intervention by the State Board of Education to this Worcester County budget issue is unnecessary at this time to resolve what is in essence a budget funding dispute between members of the elected Worcester County Commissioners. Worcester County does face decreased revenues. The allocation of those available revenues is now the subject of vigorous debate amongst the seven commissioners. This request for waiver of maintenance comes at a time when a simple majority of the commissioners are using this request as a potential tool to negotiate the budget by threatening to obtain a waiver of maintenance by the State Board of Education. I believe seeking this type of extraordinary relief, at the State level ,to resolve competing local budget issues is a misapplication of the purpose and intent of this authority. The filing of this waiver should not be used in this manner especially when Worcester County has the resources to fund its education budget.

The waiver of maintenance request should also be denied as it will establish ill-advised precedent for future boards of County Commissioners. Use of this request to resolve local budget debate disagreements is detrimental to requiring Worcester County to fund its Board of Education with the resources available to it which is clearly required by State law.

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In conclusion, I would ask the State Board of Education to deny the Worcester County Commissioners request. Worcester County does have sufficient funds to fund the Board of Education without a waiver. State Board of Education intervention is unnecessary at this time to resolve this County budget issue. And to do so, would create an ill-advised precedent of State intervention in this local county funding dispute.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Burton Anderson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

W. Burton Anderson, Esq.

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