

October 23, 2007

The Honorable Martin O'Malley
Office of the Governor
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1925

Dear Governor O'Malley:

In May 2007, legislation establishing the Dual Enrollment Grant Program was signed into law (SB 525/Ch. 296, Sec. 2, 2007; HB 538/Ch. 297, Sec. 2, 2007). This legislation requires that on or before November 1, 2007, the Maryland Partnership for Teaching and Learning, PreK-16, shall provide the Governor and, in accordance with §2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly a comprehensive list of recommendations that will surmount barriers to dual enrollment and will facilitate dual enrollment opportunities.

This year the chair of the Leadership Council for the Maryland Partnership for Teaching and Learning, PreK-16, fell to me. On behalf of the Maryland Partnership for Teaching and Learning, PreK-16, and in response to the aforementioned legislation, I submit to you the attached report. My PreK-16 co-chairs, Chancellor Kirwan and State Superintendent Grasmick, and my predecessor as Secretary of Higher Education charged an Early College Access Committee to study these issues. The report is the product of that committee, which included members from across the preK-16 spectrum in this state.

Sincerely,

James E. Lyons, Sr.
Secretary of Higher Education

cc: The Honorable Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Gov.
Joseph Bryce, Esq.