

September 25, 2013

Mr. William R. Cappe, Chairman Nancy S. Grasmick State Education Building 200 West Baltimore St. Baltimore, MD 21201-2595

Dear Mr. Cappe,

On behalf of the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, I am writing regarding the start date for Maryland schools. We appreciate you leading the task force and bringing together all parties to connect, communicate and collaborate on best practices and solutions.

This issue is one that has a profound effect, not only on our industry, but on the State tax revenue stream. While we are extremely supportive of beginning schools after Labor Day, we would like to express our opinion that it would defeat the purpose if the school closing date slides further into June.

Again, thank you for exploring the issue. Feel free to contact us should you need any information.

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Susan L. Jones / Executive Director