



EDUCATION ADVOCATE ACTION ALERT

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ACT NOW TO OPPOSE PUBLIC FUNDING FOR PRIVATE & RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

The "BOAST" bill would subsidize tuition at private & religious schools, using millions of public tax dollars.

The bill passed the Maryland state Senate this morning!

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Join BCPSS at their Early Learning Fair- Sat. April 12th! Come join BCPSS at their Annual Early Learning Fair to gain important information about pre-registering your pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students. Remember that all parents who meet state income requirements have a right to enroll their four year-old child in public school pre-Kindergarten. The fair will also have representatives from Head Start and the Baltimore Child Care Community Resource Center. There will also be on site health services, including immunizations and lead testings, child safety lessons and other fun activities.

Location: Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, 1400 West Cold Spring Lane, Saturday, April 12th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

NO INCREASE FOR CITY SCHOOLS IN PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

The recently-released Baltimore City budget proposes the same level of funding for City schools next year as this year's funding: \$197.8million. Funding for City schools has remained flat over the past 10 years, as inflation, staff salaries/benefits, and health care costs have increased.

The Mayor's press release asserts that funding for education has increased; the City reaches this conclusion by measuring per pupils pending. Since enrollment has dropped, funding per pupil has "increased". The dollars available to the school system remain the same. This method of interpreting funding to the school system was also used by the previous mayor.

The City notes that Baltimore's budget has grown by 6% annually since 2003, dropping to a 4.8% this year. The City school system has not benefited from this growth.

Want to comment? The public can speak about the proposed budget at:

Taxpayer Night

Thursday, April 3, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m. at the War Memorial Building

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