

Carroll County Public Schools FY17 – Governor’s Proposed Hold-Harmless

Joint Meeting

Board of Commissioners and Delegation

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Board of Education's Dilemma

- Uncertainty of legislative success of the proposed budget
- Reality of amount of funding represented by the proposal
- If the Board delays or phases in school closings based on the legislative outcome, what is the impact on schools, communities, and employees if it fails?
- The Board is hopeful for clear responses from the Governor's Office, Delegation and Commissioners to help inform their decision



Governor's Proposed Budget Provision

- Is contingent upon legislative passage in 2017
- Would require school closures by the second year to make up for the one-time money
- Requires clarification with the Commissioners on how the five-year plan will work, especially the first year?



Geographic Cost of Education Index (GCEI)

- FY16 – Governor funded only half of GCEI
- Board carries the \$1.2 million deficit in FY16 for half of GCEI
- General Assembly mandated full GCEI funding for FY17 and beyond (SB 183)
- Full GCEI in FY17 is not additional budget revenue for CCPS
 - Eliminates \$1.2 million deficit in Board's FY17 budget
 - Eliminates need cut \$1.2 million more



Understanding the Proposed FY17 Hold-Harmless



Governor's Hold-Harmless Proposal

- How was the \$4 million figure calculated?
 - FY17 hold-harmless and prior years make-up?
 - FY17 and until the Adequacy Study is complete?
- Is it contingent upon other things?
 - An overall education legislative package?
 - Delaying school closings?
- What are the anticipated legislative challenges and likelihood of passage?



Delegation's Position

- Does the Delegation support the proposed hold-harmless throughout the budget process regardless of other budget details?



Commissioners' Position

- The Commissioners are programming school closures into a five-year plan.
- If school closings are delayed and the Governor's proposal does not pass the General Assembly, will the Commissioners provide an additional \$5.2 million in FY17?



Context for Board's Decision

- The Governor's proposal does not equate to the \$5.2 million in the school closure plan for FY17
 - \$1.2 million for GCEI million is already in budget and law
- The legislative outcome of the proposal is uncertain
- The Commissioners would need to commit to making up \$5.2 million if the proposal fails and additional state funds are not there to equate to the school closing amount
- If the Board delays closings, and the above solutions fail, options are:
 - Reduce or eliminate employee compensation
 - Cut positions (Scale: 80 teachers = \$5.2 million)