

Board of County Commissioners

Doug Howard, President
Stephen A. Wantz, Vice President
C. Richard Weaver, Secretary
Dennis E. Frazier
Richard S. Rothschild



Carroll County Government

225 North Center Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157
410-386-2043; 1-888-302-8978
fax 410-386-2485
MD Relay 711/800-735-2258

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Roberta Windham
410-386-2043

Commissioners Send Letter to Board of Education

Westminster, Monday, September 28, 2015 – The Board of County Commissioners sent the following letter of unanimous support to the Board of Education on Thursday.

Dear President Doolan and Members of the Board of Education:

As a Board of County Commissioners, we are writing to express our support for the Carroll County Board of Education as they take on the very challenging task of boundary line adjustment and school closings. We know that this is a very difficult process for both the Board and the community, and we are committed to offering our assistance and support to see it through.

Carroll County has long been known for its excellent school system. It one of the key reasons many residents and businesses have chosen to locate here. We also know that an educated community is vital to our continued success and preserving our way of life.

Our education system is under great strain due to sustained declining enrollment, reduced state funding, and the high fixed costs of operating 43 schools. At the same time, we know there is a need for additional funding to address teacher attraction and retention, technology, and other rising costs. Now is time to address these issues, make significant adjustments, and set the school system onto a course for continued success.

Any long-term solution will require coordinated commitment from the Board of Education, the Board of Commissioners and our State Delegation. We know that even with boundary line adjustments and school closings, it will be incumbent upon our Board to garner additional funding for education, and for our state delegation to ensure that not only does state funding not continue to decrease, but it actually increases.

Education is our highest priority and greatest area of investment in the future. Working together we can maintain our rightful place as the best school system in the state, and ensure continued growth and a strong Carroll County for the future.

###

CARROLL COUNTY

The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services, activities, and facilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or who has a complaint should contact The Department of Citizen Services, 410.386.3600 or 1.888.302.8978 or MD Relay 7-1-1/1.800.735.2258 as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.