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Carroll County Commissioners Ask Governor and Delegation for Funding Help

Westminster, MD, Thursday, December 7, 2017 – The Carroll County Board of Commissioners (BCC) recently sent different but similar letters to Governor Larry Hogan and the Carroll County Delegation imploring them to provide additional funding to bridge the funding gap to the Carroll County Board of Education (BOE) in Fiscal Year 19.

The Board of Education budget is influenced by three entities; the BCC, the BOE and the State of Maryland. The letter addressed the projected \$12 million year-over-year deficit by discussing how the BCC already promised an additional \$4 million to education funding and cannot fund any additional increase with its current expected revenue. The BOE is actively pursuing cost reduction and streamlining initiatives to economize their budget. The BCC is relying on the third avenue, the Carroll County Delegation and Governor Hogan, to fight for additional funding from the State of Maryland to reduce the budget shortfall.

The letters also included a [recent budget analysis](#) highlighting trends in the education funding over the previous ten years. The analysis emphasizes the significant decrease in education funding from Annapolis. The analysis shows state funding for education reduced from 47.08 % to 39.32%, which in dollar amounts, equates to a cumulative decrease of more than \$7.7 million. The BCC would like to see this number return to at least 45% incrementally over the next several years.

The letters end with the BCC asking for funding assistance from Governor Hogan and reminding the Delegation that the citizens are relying on them to be the advocates who bring more funding to Carroll County.

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Non-Restricted Budget

Fiscal Year	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
County	149,206,000	160,700,000	167,700,000	164,900,000	163,460,000	168,900,000	168,578,000	171,037,000	176,202,000	181,852,000	186,864,400
State	135,958,844	139,060,290	133,671,273	132,613,921	136,146,862	135,504,547	133,369,358	130,265,012	128,849,708	130,696,667	128,249,626
Other	3,591,803	4,325,716	5,715,858	5,063,950	4,476,603	7,515,927	9,915,927	9,620,425	6,431,055	3,815,927	11,057,442
Total	288,756,647	304,086,006	307,087,131	302,577,871	304,083,465	311,920,474	311,863,285	310,922,437	311,482,763	316,364,594	326,171,468