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HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Michael J. Martirano, Ed.D. Interim Superintendent 410-313-6674

October 27, 2017

The Honorable Jon Weinstein Chairperson Howard County Council George Howard Building 1st Floor 3430 Courthouse Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043

Re: Council Resolution 1-2017, A RESOLUTION to close all of Winter Thicket Road, in accordance with Section 18.204 of the Howard County Code- BOARD OF EDUCATION OPPOSES CLOSING OF WINTER THICKET ROAD

Dear Chairperson Weinstein:

I am writing to provide notice to the County Council that the January 2, 2017, letter from Dr. Renee Foose purporting to provide the Board of Education of Howard County's approval to the proposed closure of Winter Thicket Road is null and void. Dr. Foose's representation was made without the knowledge or approval of the Board of Education of Howard County, the owner of the affected property.

The Board of Education of Howard County has recently considered the proposed resolution to close Winter Thicket Road, and took action to formally oppose the closure. The Board took this action due to the need to keep the rear access to Board property available for future access. The closure of Winter Thicket Road would significantly impact development options.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bruce Gist, Executive Director, Capital Planning and Operations at 410-313-6798.

Sincerely

Michael J. Martirano, Ed.D. Interim Superintendent

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Copy to: Cynthia Vaillancourt, Chairman, Board of Education Anissa Brown Dennis, Chief Operating Officer Bruce Gist, Executive Director, Capital Planning and Operations