

### Confronting the Challenges in Baltimore Schools

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#### The Education of the Urban Child Symposium

Thursday, April 7, 2016  
University of Baltimore, Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families,  
Children and the Courts

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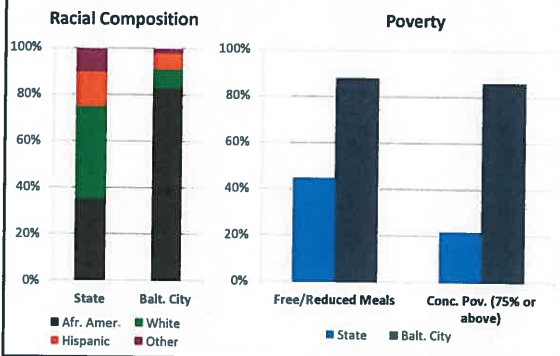
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### Student Population (State vs. Baltimore City)



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### Maryland's Constitutional Guarantee

The General Assembly...shall by Law establish throughout the State a

**thorough and efficient System of Free Public Schools;**

and shall provide by taxation, or otherwise, for their maintenance.

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### “Maryland Offers Successful Model for Reforming School Finance”

- Schott Foundation, 2011

### Maryland gets “C” for equity

- Education Law Center  
2016 National Report Card

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#### State Funding to City Schools Flat for 8 Years



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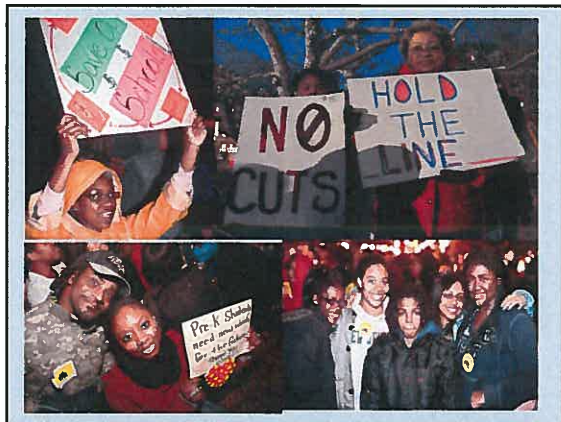
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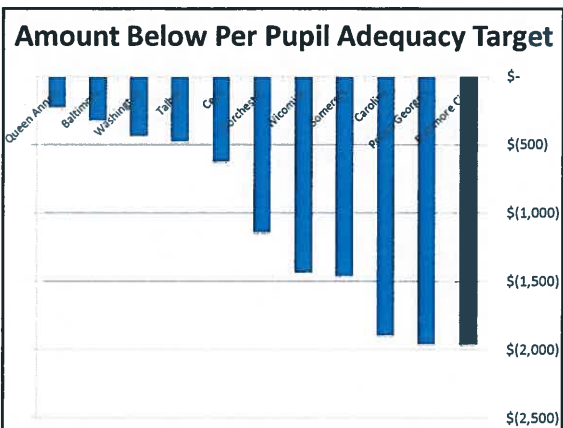
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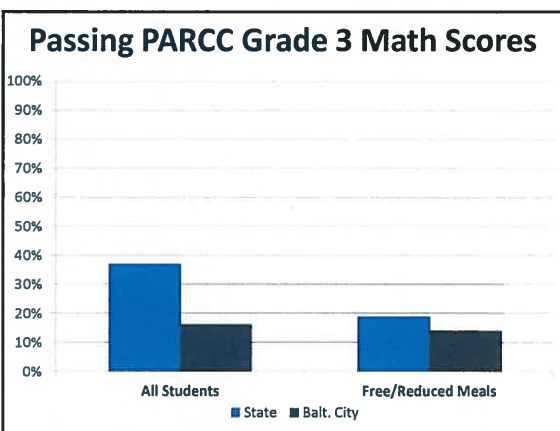
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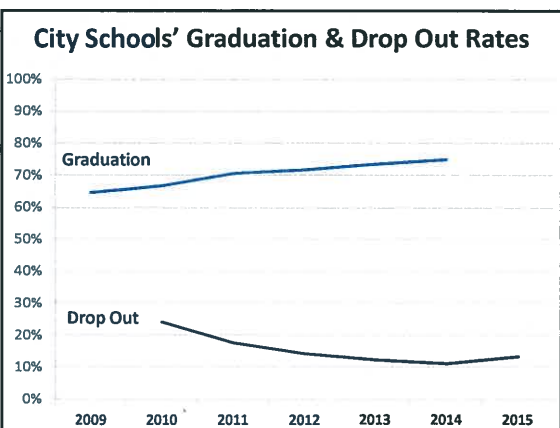
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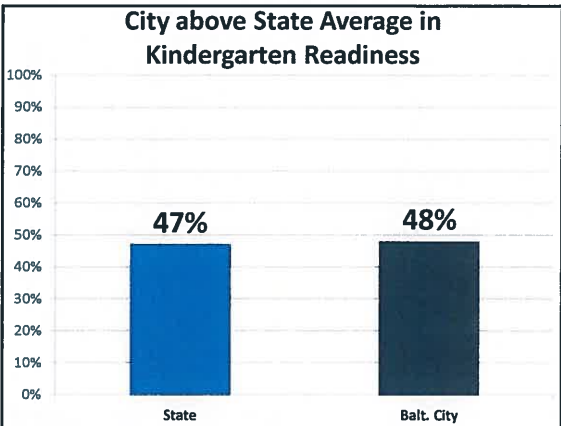
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**Study of Adequacy of Funding for Education in the State of Maryland**

The Maryland General Assembly enacted Chapter 288, Acts of 2012 – the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act, which established new primary state education aid formulas based on adequacy cost studies using the professional judgment and successful methods tested and other education finance analyses that were conducted in 2008 and 2011 under the purview of the Commission on Education Finance, Equity and Excellence. State funding to implement the Bridge to Excellence Act was phased-in over six years, reaching full implementation in fiscal 2018. Chapter 288 specified a follow-up study of the adequacy of education funding in the State to be undertaken approximately 10 years after its enactment. The study must include, as a minimum, adequacy cost studies that identify a base funding level for students without special needs and per pupil requests for students with special needs to be applied to the base funding level, and an analysis of the effects of concentrations of poverty on adequacy targets. The adequacy cost study will be based on the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards (MCCRS) adopted by the State Board of Education and include two years of results from new State assessments aligned with the standards, which are anticipated to be administered beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. There are several additional components mandated to be included in the study. These components include publication of the process of which data are...

**General Information**

- RFQ – Study of Adequacy of Funding for Education in the State of Maryland
- Proposal – August/Sept, Present and Associates

**Stakeholder Group**

- Stakeholder Group Members

**Future Meeting Date**

- July 20, 2016

**Legislative Briefings**

- Legislative Briefing: Senate Budget and Finance Committee
- Legislative Briefing: House Appropriations Committee
- Legislative Briefing: House Ways and Means Committee

**Progress Reports**

- December 2014
- November 2015
- October 2015
- September 2015
- August 2015

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**ACLU Priorities for Funding Formula Revision**

1. Community Schools with wrap-around services
2. Extra funding for concentrated poverty
3. Full-Day Pre-K programs for 3 & 4-year olds

1. Accurate assessment of wealth to determine amount of local/state funding

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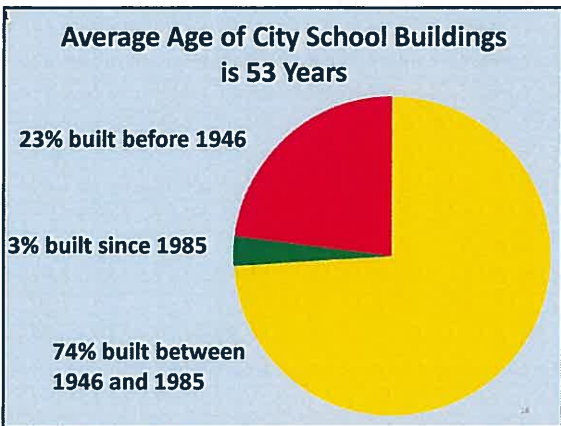
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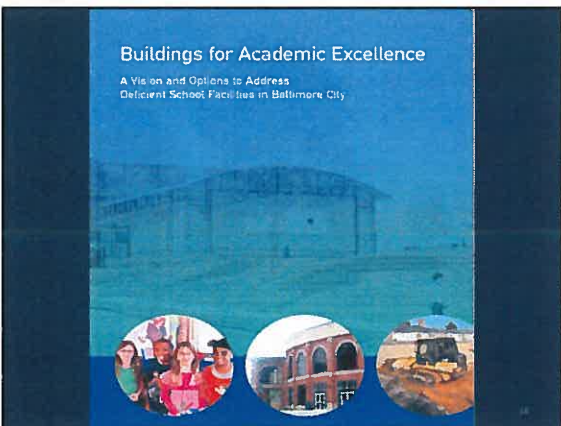
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# Transform Baltimore

Build Schools. Build Neighborhoods.



Campaign to modernize every public school building in Baltimore City

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## Transform Baltimore- Over 3,000 Strong



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## Our \$1 Billion Win

### Baltimore's 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Buildings Program

**PHASE I**



- State bill passed in 2013
- Up to 28 schools rebuilt by 2020
- First two schools open August 2017
- **NEED Phase II funding** for additional 100+ buildings

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