

Prince George's County Legislative Agenda

2010 Maryland General Assembly

- 1) Maintenance of Effort – Ensuring that our school system and county do not lose any resources in the current fiscal year due to maintenance of effort obligations, and to ensure that any such application which may be needed to be filed in the future is given fair and just consideration.

- 2) Preventing cost shifts to our county for services currently paid for by the state, including SDAT office support and shifting the cost of teacher pensions.

- 3) Prevent any unfunded mandates by adding government regulation, oversight or new services at the county level without any off-setting additional funding resources.

- 4) Maintain the Geographical Cost of Education Index in FY 2011 – In the current year, GCEI brought \$39 million to our public schools. Without it, the cuts to our education programs would have been devastating.

- 5) Retain the Income Disparity Grants – This grant formula was created expressly to address wide disparities across the state. Even though we feel that the measuring date for establishing incomes should be modified because it unjustly penalizes our county, in FY 2010, our county still received \$21 million. This is a key component to our revenue projections for FY 2011 and we urge the General Assembly to continue the program.

- 6) Support of funding formulas to ensure adequate state participation in school construction projects.

- 7) Minimizing cuts in state aid to county governments.

- 8) Ensuring successful resolution of the hospital transfer/sale and maintaining adequate state resources to accomplish this.

- 9) Working with our federal and state partners to secure a second round of federal stimulus funding to prevent deeper cuts at the state and county level.

- 10) Support legislation to improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.