

May 19, 2009

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 455 – *Caroline County Board of Education – Election and Appointment of Members – Referendum*.

This bill restructures the Caroline County Board of Education, subject to voter approval via referendum in the 2010 election. It requires that of the five voting members of the board, three members be elected by county residents from education districts established by the county commissioners and two members be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The bill also establishes qualifications for elected members and student members serving on the board, establishes the term of office for elected members, and provides a procedure for filling vacancies on the board.

Senate Bill 964, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 455.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor