

May 26, 2017

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 1012 – *Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners – Members – Appointment and Removal*.

This bill establishes the Baltimore City Public School Board Community Panel, and authorizes the Mayor of Baltimore to appoint members, as well as to reconvene the board under certain circumstances. This bill requires the Mayor to appoint certain members of the board, as well as to fill certain vacancies from a list of qualified individuals submitted by the panel. In addition, this bill repeals the Governor's role in making appointments to the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, as well as filling board vacancies and removing board members for certain causes.

House Bill 562, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 1012.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor