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The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Maggie McIntosh
House Appropriations Committee
121 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: 2017_p.134_MSDE_Funding for School-Based Health Centers

Dear Chair Kasemeyer and Chair McIntosh:

As requested in House Bill 150, this update provides a summary of the status and timelines for the award of School Based Health Center (SBHC) funds for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY 2018).

Annually, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) administers approximately \$2.5 million in grants to SBHC applicants. Grant awards range from \$53,000 to \$533,010 and represent a portion of the cost associated with operating and sustaining a SBHC. Funds are provided within the State budget to the MSDE for distribution. The task of overseeing the program and administering the funds is assigned to the MSDE, Division of Student, Family, and School Support. The program does not include funds for the administration of the program.

The entry of grant information into the fiscal management system for approval and the review process caused a delay in disbursement of funds for the 2016-2017 school year.

In response to the delay in the disbursement of funds in 2016-2017 and requests in House Bill 150, the MSDE has created the following timeline for reviewing and expediting the FY 2018 grants:

- The Maryland SBHC Application for FY 2018 was updated to include a process for initial applicants, continuation applicants, and approval of new sites.
- The updated application was posted on the MSDE website on May 5, 2017 and shared with the Maryland Council for the Advancement of School Based Health Centers and all SBHC administrators.
- The due date for submission of all applications was June 5, 2017.
- As of June 12, 2017, all 19 applications were received.
- All applications were reviewed and entered into the MSDE Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) system on June 19, 2017.
- The MSDE budget office began review of information entered into the NOGA system on July 1, 2017. Corrections will be completed as soon as possible.

- Grant numbers will be assigned by the MSDE grants office and grant award letters will be sent to SBHC program directors. This process should be completed by mid-September 2017.

The Division of Student, Family, and School Support is confident that funding will occur in October, 2017, to ensure that each SBHC will have grant awards and the ability to implement SBHC plans early in the school year.

Best Regards,



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