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The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Chair Senate Budget and Taxation Committee 3 West, Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401 The Honorable Maggie McIntosh, Chair House Appropriations Committee 121 House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: 2016_p104_MSDE_Loaned Educator Report

Dear Senator Kasemeyer and Delegate McIntosh:

This letter is submitted in accordance with the requirement noted on page 104 of the 2016 Joint Chairmen's Report on the Operating Budget and the State Capital Budget and Related Recommendations. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is required to report on the number of loaned educator contracts and any conversion of these to regular positions by December 15, 2016 and annually thereafter.

As of December 1, 2017, the MSDE did not engage any loaned educator contracts. All of the four remaining loaned educator contracts that existed as of December 1, 2015 were ended by June 30, 2016.

The contributions of local experience and expertise that our loaned educators brought to the work of the Department were significant. As needs arise in the future, we may want to explore the future use of a Loaned Educator, while meeting the goal of limiting their involvement to special, short-term projects where local talent is a necessity. As specified in the 2016 Joint Chairmen's Report, MSDE will provide a report to the budget committees prior to entering into any new loaned educator contract to provide temporary assistance to the State, and the budget committees will have the opportunity to review and comment on any new contracts.

Should you have any questions regarding the information contained in this report, please contact Kristy Michel, Deputy State Superintendent for Finance and Administration at 410-767-0011 or kristy.michel@maryland.gov. Thank you for your ongoing efforts on behalf of a strong public education for all of Maryland's children.

Best Regards, K.D.

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