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TO: Dr. Karen Salmon, State Superintendent of Schools
FROM: Monica Kearns, Assistant State Superintendent for Business Services
DATE: September 14, 2016
SUBJECT: Update on BOOST Scholarship Program

PURPOSE:

This item is to provide an update on the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Scholarship Program.

BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

The BOOST Program provides scholarships for students who are eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program to attend eligible nonpublic schools. The program is authorized for the 2016-2017 school year and is governed by language in Senate Bill 190 of the 2016 session (the Fiscal 2017 Budget Bill).

BOOST Scholarships were awarded to eligible student applicants in August 2016 in the following priority order:

1. All students who qualify for the Free Meal Program and attended a public school in the 2015-2016 school year (\$4,400).
2. All students who qualify for the Free Meal Program and attended a private school in 2015-2016 (\$1,400).
3. All students who qualify for the Reduced Meal Program and attended a public school in 2015-2016 (\$3,400).
4. A few students who qualify for the Reduced Meal Program and attended a private school in 2015-2016, to the extent that funds were available, in rank order based on household income, with the lowest income served first (\$1,000).

SUMMARY:

A total of \$5 million is allocated to the BOOST Scholarship Program in Fiscal 2017. In the August 2016 round of scholarship awards, \$4,862,000 was awarded. Some awardees declined their awards and some have not responded whether they will accept their awards. The Maryland State Department of Education continues to review and resolve issues with certain BOOST applications and awards.

Following is a summary of the scholarships that have been awarded and accepted as of September 9, 2016. A document is attached that shows the same data by the county location of participating schools.

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BOOST Scholarships Awarded and Accepted as of Sep. 9, 2016	Number of Students	Scholarship Amount for this Category	Total Value of Scholarship Awards
Category			
Qualified for Free Meals, Attended Public School in 2015-2016	374	\$4,400	\$1,645,600
Qualified for Free Meals, Attended Private School in 2015-2016	1,491	\$1,400	\$2,090,400
Qualified for Reduced Meals, Attended Public School in 2015-2016	162	\$3,400	\$550,800
Qualified for Reduced Meals, Attended Private School in 2015-2016	12	\$1,000	\$12,000
Total	2,039	--	\$4,298,800

In some cases, a student's award may vary from the set award amounts as determined by the BOOST Board. For example, foster children are eligible for the highest award amount, and families who owe a tuition level that is lower than the BOOST award amount will receive funds only up to the tuition amount owed.

Scholarship payments are expected to be sent in October 2016. After the first round of payments has been made, awards will be made to students on the BOOST Waiting List. The Waiting List represents additional eligible students who qualify for reduced meals and attended a private school in 2015-2016. Waiting List awards will be made in rank order by household income, with the lowest income served first, until remaining funds are fully awarded. Waiting List awards will be made beginning in November 2016.

ACTION:

This item is provided for informational purposes.

Attachment

Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today

BOOST Scholarships Awarded and Accepted as of Sep. 9, 2016 *

By School County Location

County	School	# Students	Award Total	Percent of Total Awards
Allegany	BISHOP WALSH MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL - CUMBERLAND	8	\$ 16,200	0.85%
	CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - CRESAPTOWN	6	20,400	
Allegany Total		14	36,600	
Anne Arundel	ANNAPOLIS AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - ANNAPOLIS	2	8,800	2.84%
	ARCHBISHOP SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL - SEVERN	7	15,800	
	ELVATON CHRISTIAN ACADMAY - MILLERSVILLE	4	5,600	
	MONSIGNOR SLADE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL - GLEN BURNIE	7	24,800	
	SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION - GAMBRILLS	10	15,800	
	ST. MARTINS LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOOL - ANNAPOLIS	3	7,200	
	ST. MARYS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - ANNAPOLIS	1	1,400	
	ST. PAULS LUTHERAN SCHOOL - GLEN BURNIE	5	9,000	
	ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL - LINTHICUM	12	33,800	
Anne Arundel Total		51	122,200	
Baltimore City	AL RAHMAH SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	1	4,400	26.69%
	ARCHBISHOP BORDERS SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	33	56,200	
	ARCHBISHOP CURLEY HIGH SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	17	43,800	
	BALTIMORE JUNIOR ACADEMY - BALTIMORE	4	7,600	
	BNOS YISROEL OF BALTIMORE - BALTIMORE	56	78,400	
	CARDINAL SHEHAN SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	56	141,400	
	CATHEDRAL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - BALTIMORE	48	181,800	
	CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OF BALTIMORE	4	8,600	
	CENTER FOR CREATIVE LEARNING - BALTIMORE	1	1,400	
	CHABAD OF PARK HEIGHTS - BALTIMORE	46	70,000	
	CRISTO REY JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	39	128,600	
	EMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	1	4,400	
	GREATER GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - BALTIMORE	1	4,400	
	GREATER YOUTH ACADEMY - BALTIMORE	9	12,200	
	GREEN MOUNT SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	1	4,400	
	HOLY ANGELS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	53	96,800	
	INSTITUTE OF NOTRE DAME - BALTIMORE	17	25,800	
	JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL - BEL AIR	1	1,400	
	JOHN PAUL REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	1	4,400	
	MERCY HIGH SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	13	28,200	
	MESIVTA N'EIMUS HATORAH - BALTIMORE	1	1,400	
	MT. ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	8	20,200	
	OHR CHADASH ACADEMY - BALTIMORE	6	8,400	
	SCHOOL OF THE CATHEDRAL OF MARY OUR QUEEN - BALTIMORE	2	2,800	
	SETON KEOUGH - BALTIMORE	10	25,000	
	ST. CASIMIR CATHOLIC SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	4	10,600	
	ST. FRANCES ACADEMY - BALTIMORE	25	86,000	
	ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	9	27,600	
	ST. JAMES AND ST JOHN CAMPUS OF QUEEN OF PEACE SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	21	49,400	
	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	7	11,800	
Baltimore City Total		495	1,147,400	
Baltimore County	AL RAHMAH SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	28	57,200	26.69%
	ARLINGTON BAPTIST SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	1	1,400	
	BAIS HAMEDRASH AND MESIVTA OF BALTIMORE - BALTIMORE	3	4,200	

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	BAIS YAAKOV SCHOOL FOR GIRLS - BALTIMORE	156	242,400	
	BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF INDEPENDENT LEARNERS - PIKESVILLE	6	20,400	
	BALTIMORE WHITE MARSH ADVENTIST SCHOOL - ROSEDALE	6	11,400	
	BNOS YISROEL OF BALTIMORE - BALTIMORE	1	1,400	
	CALVARY LUTHERAN SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	1	1,400	
	CALVERT HALL COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	21	46,400	
	CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	2	5,800	
	CONCORDIA PREPARATORY SCHOOL - TOWSON	5	12,000	
	EMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	3	7,200	
	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL - TOWSONS	1	1,400	
	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	6	11,400	
	ISRAEL HENRY BEREN HIGH SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	9	12,600	
	JOHN PAUL REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	6	21,400	
	LAMB OF GOD SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	3	10,200	
	LIBERTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - OWINGS MILLS	1	3,400	
	MOUNT DE SALES ACADEMY - CATONSVILLE	2	2,800	
	NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL - TOWSON	1	1,400	
	OUR LADY OF HOPE ST LUKE SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	4	5,600	
	OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	20	63,000	
	OUR LADY OF VICTORY SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	13	35,200	
	PERRY HALL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - PERRY HALL	7	18,800	
	PILGRIM CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	2	2,800	
	ROSEDALE BAPTIST SCHOOLS - BALTIMORE	1	4,400	
	SACRED HEART SCHOOL - GLYNDON	6	20,400	
	SISTERS ACADEMY OF BALTIMORE - BALTIMORE	8	11,200	
	ST. AGNES SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	12	34,800	
	ST. CLEMENT MARY HOFBAUER SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	13	23,200	
	ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	3	6,200	
	ST. MARK SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	3	10,200	
	ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	13	32,200	
	ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL - CATONSVILLE	2	2,800	
	ST. PETERS CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL	3	7,200	
	ST. PIUS X SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	1	1,400	
	ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL - BRADSHAW	5	7,000	
	ST. URSULA SCHOOL - BALTIMORE	13	20,200	
	TALMUDICAL ACADEMY OF BALTIMORE - BALTIMORE	83	122,200	
	TORAH INSTITUTE OF BALTIMORE - OWINGS MILLS	98	163,200	
Baltimore County Total		572	1,067,800	24.84%
Calvert	GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF MARYLAND - WALDORF	1	1,400	
Calvert Total		1	1,400	0.03%
Carroll	CARROLL LUTHERAN SCHOOL - WESTMINSTER	1	1,400	
	ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL - WESTMINSTER	17	37,800	
Carroll Total		18	39,200	0.91%
Cecil	GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL - PERRYVILLE	3	4,200	
	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL - ELKTON	2	5,800	

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	MOUNT AVIAT ACADEMY - CHILDS	2	2,800	
Cecil Total		7	12,800	0.30%
Charles	ARCHBISHOP NEALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - LA PLATA	5	19,000	
	GRACE BROTHERS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - CLINTON	2	8,800	
	GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF MARYLAND - WALDORF	2	8,800	
	ST. MARYS SCHOOL - BRYANTOWN	4	5,600	
	ST. PETERS SCHOOL - WALDORF	4	5,600	
Charles Total		17	47,800	1.11%
Frederick	FREDERICK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - FREDERICK	9	23,600	
	ST. JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL - FREDERICK	6	13,400	
	ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PREP - BUCKEYESTOWN	1	1,400	
Frederick Total		16	38,400	0.89%
Harford	HIGHLANDS SCHOOL - BEL AIR	1	4,400	
	JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL - BEL AIR	5	14,000	
	ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL - ABERDEEN	3	10,200	
	ST. MARGARET SCHOOL - BEL AIR	4	11,600	
	TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL - JOPPA	18	61,200	
Harford Total		31	101,400	2.36%
Howard	ATHOLTON ADVENTIST ACADEMY - COLUMBIA	1	1,400	
	BETHEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - SAVAGE	16	48,400	
	COLUMBIA ACADEMY ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL - COLUMBIA	1	3,400	
	RESURRECTION ST PAUL SCHOOL - ELLICOTT CITY	2	2,800	
	ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL - ELKRIDGE	2	2,800	
	ST. LOUIS SCHOOL - CLARKSVILLE	4	14,600	
Howard Total		26	73,400	1.71%
Montgomery	ALIM ACADEMY AKA MUSLIM COMMUNITY SCHOOL - POTOMAC	5	10,000	
	COVENANT LIFE SCHOOL - GAITHERSBURG	9	12,600	
	DON BOSCO CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL - TAKOMA PARK	1	1,400	
	FORCEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - SILVER SPRING	1	4,400	
	HOLY CROSS SCHOOL - GARRETT PARK	3	10,200	
	HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL - COLLEGE PARK	2	2,800	
	JOHN NEVINS ANDREWS SCHOOL - TAKOMA PARK	33	63,200	
	LEO BERNSTEIN JEWISH ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS - Silver Spring	8	13,200	
	MARY OF NAZARETH ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL - DARNESTOWN	7	18,800	
	MELVIN J BERMAN HEBREW ACADEMY - ROCKVILLE	30	45,000	
	MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL - GAITHERSBURG	6	8,400	
	OLNEY ADVENTIST PREPARATORY SCHOOL - OLNEY	1	1,400	
	OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL HIGH SCHOOL - OLNEY	9	20,600	
	OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL - BETHESDA	6	10,400	
	SLIGO ADVENTIST SCHOOL - TAKOMA PARK	5	16,000	
	SPENCERVILLE ADVENTIST ACADEMY - Spencerville	11	21,400	
	ST. ANDREW APOSTLE SCHOOL - SILVER SPRING	1	1,400	
	ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL - SILVER SPRING	9	12,600	
	ST. ELIZABETHS SCHOOL - ROCKVILLE	1	1,400	
	ST. FRANCIS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL - SILVER SPRING	75	177,600	

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	ST. JANE DE CHANTAL SCHOOL - BETHESDA	2	2,800	
	ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL - SILVER SPRING	2	4,800	
	ST. JUDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL - ROCKVILLE	30	85,000	
	ST. MARTINS OF TOURS SCHOOL - GAITHERSBURG	22	44,800	
	ST. MARYS SCHOOL - ROCKVILLE	5	12,000	
	ST. PETERS PAROCHIAL SCHOOL - OLNEY	3	4,200	
	ST. RAPHAELS CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL - ROCKVILLE	2	2,800	
	TAKOMA ACADEMY - TAKOMA PARK	10	17,000	
	TORAH SCHOOL OF GREATER WASHINGTON - SILVER SPRING	38	58,200	
	YESHIVA OF GREATER WASHINGTON - SILVER SPRING	19	26,600	
Montgomery Total		356	711,000	16.54%
Prince George's	AL HUDA SCHOOL - COLLEGE PARK	138	292,200	
	BISHOP MCNAMARA HIGH SCHOOL - FORESTVILLE	18	35,200	
	DEMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - HYATTSVILLE	8	14,200	
	DON BOSCO CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL - TAKOMA PARK	12	21,800	
	ELIZABETH SETON HIGH SCHOOL - BLADENSBURG	11	20,400	
	EXCELLENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - UPPER MARLBORO	1	1,400	
	GEORGE E PETERS SDA ELEM SCHOOL - HYATTSVILLE	2	2,800	
	GRACE BRETHREN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - CLINTON	10	16,000	
	HIGHLAND PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - LANDOVER	3	7,200	
	HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL - HILLCREST HEIGHTS	20	45,000	
	HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL - COLLEGE PARK	3	8,200	
	NATIONAL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - FORT WASHINGTON	1	4,400	
	NEW CHAPEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - CAMP SPRINGS	1	4,400	
	NEW HOPE ACADEMY - LANDOVER HILLS	3	9,200	
	RIVERDALE BAPTIST SCHOOL - UPPER MARLBORO	3	7,200	
	ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL - CHEVERLY	5	16,000	
	ST. JEROMES ACADEMY - HYATTSVILLE	5	10,000	
	ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL - CLINTON	9	15,600	
	ST. JOSEPHS SCHOOL - BELTSVILLE	11	18,400	
	ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL - UPPER MARLBORO	4	9,600	
	ST. MARY OF THE MILLS SCHOOL - LAUREL	6	20,400	
	ST. MARYS CATHOLIC SCHOOL - LANDOVER HILLS	21	40,400	
	ST. MARYS SCHOOL OF PISCATAWAY - CLINTON	5	16,000	
	ST. MATTHIAS APOSTLE SCHOOL - LANAHAM	17	25,800	
	ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE SCHOOL - CAMP SPRINGS	6	10,400	
	ST. PIUS X REGIONAL SCHOOL - BOWIE	6	11,400	
	ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI HIGH SCHOOL - LAUREL	2	5,800	
	WOODSTREAM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - MITCHELLVILLE	8	26,200	
Prince George's Total		339	715,600	16.65%
St. Mary's	KINGS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - CALLAWAY	1	1,400	
	LEONARD HALL JUNIOR NAVAL ACADEMY INC - LEONARDTOWN	1	4,400	
	LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL	4	5,600	
	SAINT MARY'S RYKEN - LEONARDTOWN	5	7,000	
	ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL - RIDGE	19	25,000	

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St. Mary's Total		30	43,400	1.01%
Talbot	SAINTS PETER AND PAUL HIGH SCHOOL - EASTON	2	5,800	
	ST PETER AND PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - EASTON	12	18,800	
Talbot Total		14	24,600	0.57%
Washington	HIGHLAND VIEW ACADEMY - HAGERSTOWN	6	17,400	
	MT. AETNA ADVENTIST SCHOOL - HAGERSTOWN	16	35,400	
	ST. MARIA GORETTI HIGH SCHOOL - HAGERSTOWN	9	19,600	
	ST. MARY SCHOOL - HAGERSTOWN	9	12,600	
Washington Total		40	85,000	1.98%
Wicomico	ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL	1	1,400	
Wicomico Total		1	1,400	0.03%
Still Investigating **		11	29,400	0.68%
Grand Total		2,039	\$ 4,298,800	100.00%

Total Number of Schools **176**

* Some awardees have declined their awards and some have not responded whether they accept or decline their awards.

** Some awardees have yet to indicate which nonpublic school they have selected; some awardees have not provided a Maryland address.