

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2006 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-62-2006

Proposed by Council Member Dean

Introduced by Council Members Dean, Peters, Knots, Exum and Harrington

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction July 11, 2006

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Blue Ribbon Committee on High Stakes Testing

3 For the purpose of amending CR-42-2006 and CR-48-2006 by further increasing the membership
4 of the Blue Ribbon Committee on High Stakes Testing.

5 WHEREAS, the Maryland State Department of Education governs the criteria for which
6 Maryland students must satisfy in order to receive a Maryland High School Diploma.

7 WHEREAS, High School Assessments developed by the Maryland Department of
8 Education tests students in four core subjects: English, government, algebra/data analysis, and
9 biology.

10 WHEREAS, COMAR 13A.03.02.09, mandates that High School Students in the graduating
11 class of 2009 and thereafter, are required to earn a satisfactory score, as defined by subsection
12 B.(3) of the Regulation, on the High School Assessments as a prerequisite to earning a Maryland
13 High School Diploma.

14 WHEREAS, the County Council desires to further examine the High School Assessments
15 and their impact on the students in the Prince George's County Public Schools and consider
16 appropriate recommendations relating thereto; and

17 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter provides that the Council may appoint, for
18 designated periods, one or more temporary advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall
19 assist in the consideration of County policies and programs.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
21 County, Maryland, that Blue Ribbon Committee on High Stakes Testing is created and charged
22 with the responsibility to:

1. Evaluate whether the High School Assessments meet standards of quality and validity;
2. Analyze the one size fits all approach to high stakes testing methodology and its effect on the student population in the Prince George's County Public Schools; and
3. Determine whether there are practical alternatives to high stakes testing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Blue Ribbon Committee on High Stakes Testing shall have a total of [13] 15 members comprised of:

1. 1 member appointed by the County Executive;
2. [3] 5 members appointed by the County Council, one of whom shall be designated as the Chairman;
3. 1 member appointed by the Maryland State Department of Education;
4. 1 member appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation;
5. 1 member appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation;
6. 2 members appointed by the Prince George's County Public Schools;
7. 1 member appointed by the National Education Association;
8. 1 member appointed by the Prince George's County Educator's Association;
9. 1 member appointed by the Association of Supervisory and Administrative School Personnel; and
10. The Chairman of the Prince George's County Board of Education or their designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Blue Ribbon Committee on High Stakes Testing shall present its recommendations to the County Council and the County Executive no later than October 3, 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator shall provide appropriate staff support to the Blue Ribbon Committee on High Stakes Testing.

Adopted this 11th day of July, 2006.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council