

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 23, 2015

The Honorable Mel R. Franklin Chairman Prince George's County Council County Administration Building Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chairman Franklin:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Resolution for the purpose of approving The Foundation Schools, Inc.'s ("The Foundation Schools") application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Community Investment Tax Credit ("CITC") Program.

The Foundation Schools applied for fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) in tax credits to expand its Career Connections Program, which provides career and post-secondary education preparation and support to its students. Additionally, the tax credits will allow The Foundation Schools to expand its Foundation Links Program, which provides in-home interventions to families in crisis.

Since its inception, The Foundation Schools has worked with thousands of students with emotional disabilities who have overcome overwhelming obstacles. This year, The Foundation Schools launched several new programs with the goal of preparing students for successful futures. Although the State and local jurisdictions cover the costs of students' tuition at The Foundation Schools, programs such as the Career Connections Program and the Foundation Links Program are extremely beneficial to students and are only made possible by the CITC Program.

The Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office or Eric C. Brown, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development at (301) 883-5531.

Sincerely,

Rushern L. Baker, II

County Executive

Enclosures