



Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair
At-Large Council Member

"Building the People's Movement"

February 9, 2021

Dr. Juanita Miller, Chair
Prince George's County Board of Education
14201 School Lane
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Dr. Miller:

The Legislative Branch received your letter dated February 8, 2021, requesting an external audit of all Prince George's County Board of Education ("Board") initiated contracts for the past two years, a review of the reorganization process that was initiated prior to your appointment as Board Chair, and a performance audit of the Board's operations to ensure it is in alignment with the Board's policies and standard operating procedures.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article, Sec. 5-110, as it relates to a performance audit, the County Council does not have the authority to perform such an audit absent an agreement between the county governing body, i.e. County Council and the County Executive, and the Board. The matter you have outlined is of a personnel and contractual nature and would require an agreement between the county governing body and the Board on the scope of the performance audit. In the absence of an agreement between a county governing body and a county school board, the Department of Education ("Department") at the request of the county governing body shall contract for a performance audit of the public school system to address the issues raised in the county's request.

In an effort to address the concerns you have outlined in your letter, the Council will forward your letter and accompanying documentation to Dr. Karen B. Salmon, State Superintendent with a request that the State Department of Education consider any necessary audit or any other appropriate action. The Council appreciates you bringing this matter to our attention and for your willingness to serve our students and families in the school system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Calvin S. Hawkins, II".

Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair

Attachments

cc: Karen B. Salmon, State Superintendent
Angela D. Alsobrooks, County Executive
Deni L. Taveras, Council Vice Chair
Robert J. Williams, Jr. Council Administrator
William H. Hunt, Deputy Council Administrator
Colette R. Gresham, Associate Council Administrator
David Van Dyke, County Auditor