

HOWARD COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Mr. Gregory Urban
Deputy CIO
State of Maryland
35 Calvert Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21041

Dear Mr. Urban:

The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) would like to offer its support to the team's efforts to obtain stimulus funding to build the One Maryland Broadband Network.

The HCPSS plans to leverage the network to tap into expansive online content and distance learning opportunities in the PreK-12 community. The ability to engage with other Maryland school systems will enable HCPSS students and staff to communicate and collaborate with their peers within Howard County and throughout the state. Access to Maryland colleges and universities online will provide HCPSS students the opportunity to participate in college courses online in their home or at school.

Currently, the bandwidth required to meet this challenge has been too expensive for school systems to afford or not available. The One Maryland Broadband Network will provide the necessary infrastructure to meet current needs and position the HCPSS to meet the challenges for the next several years.

Sincerely,



Dr. Theresa R. Alban
Chief Operating Officer
Howard County Public School System

cc: Dr. Sydney Cousin
Mrs. Sandra Erickson