

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

**DECISION ON SURPLUS OF BOARD PROPERTY
LOCATED AT TRIMBLE ROAD AND FORT HOYLE
ROAD INTERSECTION**

November 23, 2009

Background Information:

The Harford County Government has requested that the Board convey real property (the "Subject Property") currently owned by the Board to the County in order to facilitate and assist in the development of a roundabout at the intersection of Trimble Road and Fort Hoyle Road to improve safety and traffic flow, particularly at peak times of the day. The roundabout is to be placed between the two entrances of the Chesapeake Community Church. The Subject Property is located in the vicinity of the Magnolia Elementary School, contains approximately 0.234 acres ± and is more fully described in the plat entitled "Land of The Board of Education of Harford County, Maryland," Trimble Road at Fort Hoyle Road Intersection Roundabout Right-of-Way Plat prepared by Bay State Land Services, dated June 11, 2009. This plat is attached as Exhibit A hereto. The Harford County Government has clarified this request by letters to Mr. Cornell S. Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, dated October 22, 2008 and August 10, 2009, from Peter D. Wakefield, Department of Public Works, Harford County Government attached as Exhibits B and C hereto.

Discussion:

Section 4-115 of the Education Article of the Maryland Annotated Code and related Maryland State Board of Education regulations, and Maryland State Department of Education procedures mandate that before a local board may transfer real property, the local board must find that the real property is no longer needed for school purposes. Further, Section 4-115 requires that in the event of any such transfer, the real property must be conveyed to the local county government.

Due to the fact that the Subject Property is no longer used for school purposes, the Subject Property appears no longer to be needed for school purposes. Joseph P. Licata, Chief of Administration, and Cornell S. Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, have determined that the Subject Property is no longer needed for school purposes.

Attachments:

1. Plat entitled "Land of the Board of Education" located at Trimble Road at Forth Hoyle Road Intersection by Bay State Land Services, dated June 11, 2009.
2. Letter dated October 22, 2008 from Peter D. Wakefield.
3. Letter dated August 10, 2009 from Peter D. Wakefield.
4. Form of Deed for 0.234 acres \pm property.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

It is the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board declare the Subject Property surplus and authorize the Superintendent to execute such deed and/or other documents as may be necessary to convey the subject property to Harford County, Maryland in fee simple.