

Subject: Re: State Bd Pres Day request letter
Date: Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 8:49:10 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: David K. Larner
To: Karalee Turner-Little, Mark Blom
CC: Jahantab Siddiqui

I agree that it is very good. I added the part in red to give another reason as to why we are asking now instead of later.

Dave

David Larner
Performance, Equity and Community Response Officer
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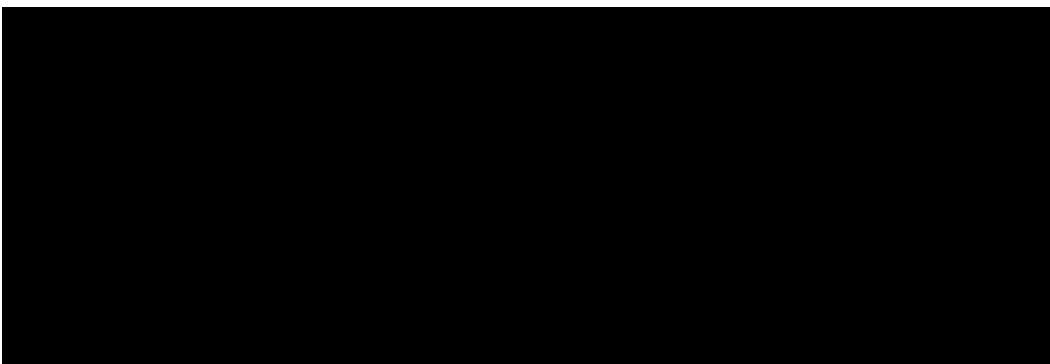
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From: Karalee Turner-Little <Karalee_TurnerLittle@hcpss.org>
Date: Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 6:29 PM
To: Mark Blom <Mark_Blom@hcpss.org>
Cc: System Administrator <David_Larner@hcpss.org>, Jahantab Siddiqui <Jahantab_Siddiqui@hcpss.org>
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Andrew R. Smarick, President
Maryland State Board of Education

Re: Board of Education of Howard County Request to Open on Presidents' Day

Dear President Smarick,

The Board of Education of Howard County ("Howard County Board") requests pursuant to Section 7-103(b)(1)(iv) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland that the Maryland State Board of Education permit the Howard County Board to open its schools for a full day of regular instruction on Monday, February 19, 2018 (Presidents' Day). This request is necessary due to severe weather conditions that forced a closing of schools on January 4, 2018. The Howard County Board's student calendar was adopted in conformity with Governor Lawrence Hogan's Executive Order on school start and stop dates. Under the parameters of the Governor's Executive Order, the school system now needs to open school on Presidents' Day to avoid opening school during the Spring Break or having teachers work on Monday June 18, 2018. **While using June 15th as our first snow day may seem logical, past history shows that Howard County Public Schools will have at least one more inclement weather closing day this winter. If that next day happens in early February or later, we will have missed the opportunity to request opening on Presidents' Day. Therefore, we have chosen to ask for this permission after our first inclement weather closing.**

The Howard County Board honors Presidents' Day and understands its value as a holiday. Unfortunately, the legal constraints on a local school board's calendar authority have left few options when inclement weather forces the closing of schools. The Howard County Board has determined that opening schools on Presidents' Day is the option that will provide the most effective method of timely and continuous instruction to our students. We ask that you support us in that decision, and permit the Howard County

Board to open schools on Monday, February 19, 2018 (Presidents' Day).

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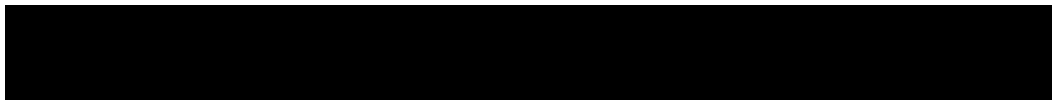
Possibly a statement that could be read as part of morning announcements, but including Presidents' Day related activities/lessons would be difficult and could impact the regular flow of some classes.

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Subject: RE: Presidents'DayWaiver

Date: Friday, November 17, 2017 at 11:50:23 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Jahantab Siddiqui

To: David K. Larner, Mark Blom

CORRECTION. This is no longer good to go. Please hold on this

Jahantab Siddiqui

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From: Jahantab Siddiqui

Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 10:42 AM

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Subject: FW: Presidents'DayWaiver

Mark and David, this letter is good to go to request a waiver for President's Day. Who sends this out?

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