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The Honorable Larry Hogan Governor State House 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401 The Honorable Thomas V. Miller Senate President H-107 State House 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House H-101 State House 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Public School Opportunities Enhancement Report (MSAR #10918)

Dear Governor Hogan, President Miller and Speaker Busch:

In 2016, the Maryland General Assembly enacted the Public School Opportunities Enhancement Program (§ 7-1701 through 1706 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland). The statute required the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to report on the effectiveness and evaluation of the Program.

The grant program is underway as a result of an appropriation for the program in the Governor's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. The statute also requires that an implementation report be submitted annually by December 31.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mary L. Gable, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Student, Family, and School Support/Academic Policy at mary.gable@maryland.gov or by phone at (410) 767-0472. Thank you for your continued support and interest in maintaining the highest quality of education for all students in Maryland public schools.

Best Regards,

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