

February 28, 2014

Nancy Reynolds, President  
Harford County Board of Education  
102 South Hickory Avenue  
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

Dear Mrs. Reynolds:

I deeply regret your decision not to attend today's Harford County Delegation meeting.

You requested a private meeting with me. After discussing your request with the full Delegation and our staff legal counsel, we determined, as I informed you, that because of the Open Meeting laws this was not advisable. The full Delegation expected you to openly discuss the issues arising out of the Board's non-attendance at the Board of Public Works meeting and to provide us with the information we requested pertaining to vocational education in Harford County.

As I have stated on numerous occasions, it is the job of all of us to work together as a cohesive team in the best interests of the children and the taxpayers of Harford County. The Delegation sees no reason to meet behind closed doors for the purpose of having discussions that the public is not privy to.

There are many issues that need to be clarified. Let me make one of them very explicit. You told the full Delegation that there was no need for Del. James' Task Force bill to study expanding vocational education in the County since you, i.e., the School Board and the Superintendent, had already instituted such a study. Had you been honest with us, what you would have said was that you had eliminated the plumbing program from Harford Technical High School and had removed one of the shop teachers from Fallston High School. This is

the diametric opposite of expanding vocational programs in the school system and demonstrates a very disingenuous attitude.

The Harford County Delegation will continue to work in the best interests of the school system despite your reluctance to work with us.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Impallaria". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "I".

Rick Impallaria  
Chair

cc: David Craig  
Harford County Council members  
Mayors of municipalities  
Harford County Board of Education members  
Barbara Canavan