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Maryland General Assembly
Joint Audit Committee
c/o Department of Legislative Services
90 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairmen Zucker and Frick:

The Baltimore County Council requests that the State Legislative Auditor conduct an independent audit of Baltimore County Public Schools' no-bid contracts with education technology firms, including the procurement process and ancillary costs associated with these contracts (e.g., travel, professional development, perks/promotions, and other financial transactions deemed appropriate). We suggest the audit cover the period from 2012 through 2017.

We believe the State Legislative Auditor is the appropriate authority to conduct an audit of this State-regulated agency. Any audit findings and recommendations can help ensure the transparency and accountability of the significant investment Baltimore County makes in its school system.

Sincerely,

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