

FY 2010 QUESTION NUMBER: 17

QUESTION:

There is a possibility of a cut in state aid for nonpublic placements. What is the number of students receiving nonpublic placements? What is the amount budgeted for FY 2010? What would be the impact of a reduction in funding from the present 80 percent to 50 percent?

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ANSWER:

As of December 31, 2008, MCPS is responsible for the costs of 636 students receiving special education services in nonpublic schools. The amount budgeted for FY 2010 is \$39.1 million. The state of Maryland reimburses local education agencies for nonpublic placement for 80 percent of expenditures that exceed 300 percent of the per student cost of all students in the school system. If the state reimbursement funding formula remains at 80 percent for FY 2010, state reimbursement is estimated to be \$12,919,705. If the state reimbursement funding formula is reduced to 50 percent, estimated reimbursement would be \$8,074,816, a decrease of \$4,844,889.

